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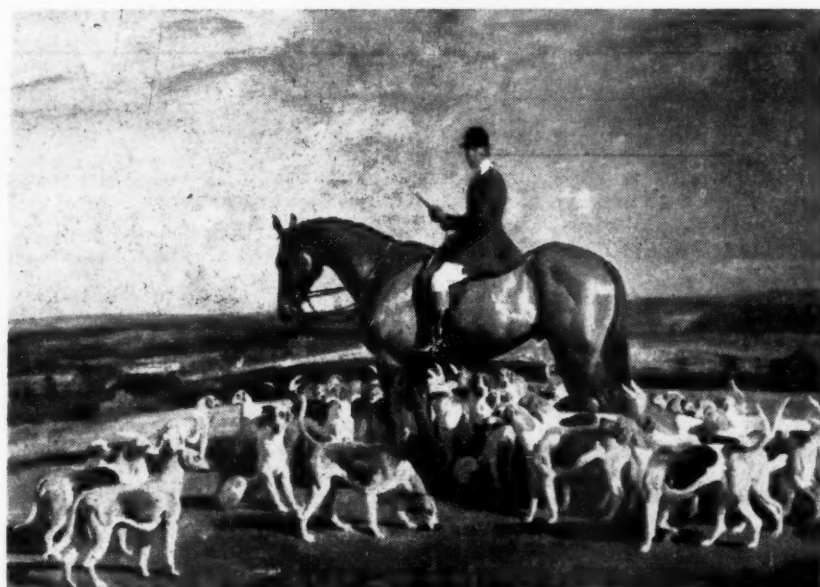
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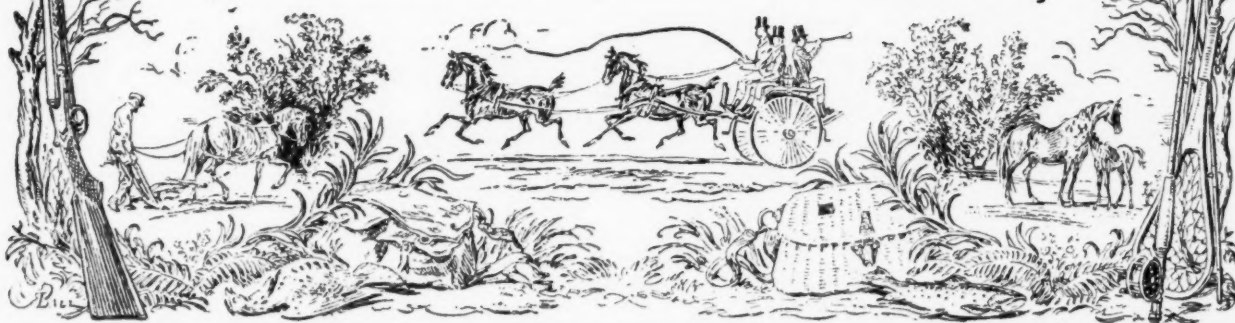
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NO WATER, NO SPORT

This is a year which has made the American people particularly conscious of water. We have had disastrous floods and we are now in the middle of a most unusual winter drouth. Fresh water is more and more being recognized as our most critical natural resource, more critical even than oil.

The importance of water to the horseman is manifested in many ways. Pasture and hay crops are all-essential in feeding horses. They provide most of the phosphorus and calcium which constitute the principal elements of the bones and tendons. Water in the form of rainfall or irrigation is the critical factor in the production of these feeds. Drinking water that is neither too hot in summer nor too cold in winter is equally vital. Lacking a spring fed stream—most spring water comes out of the ground at about 55 degrees—the horseman has to resort to mechanical devices in order to keep his watering troughs and buckets at the proper temperature.

Race track management is constantly pre-occupied with water problems. Aside from the fact that there is a direct relationship between rain and the number of paid admissions, there is the necessity of keeping the racing strips in proper condition with water. Drainage systems, the composition of the cushion and sprinkling tanks pretty well take care of the dirt tracks. The problem is more difficult with turf, hurdle and steeplechase courses, however; a prolonged drouth and consequent hard going can have a disastrous effect on entries in these events. So can heavy rains which make the going deep. The same considerations apply to hunt race meetings, point-to-points, hunter trials, hunter pace events, horse shows and polo matches. And be it also noted that water jumps are standard obstacles for all types of leppers.

The curative properties of water are important to the veterinarian. Hot and cold water are still the best way to stimulate circulation, to reduce swellings and other types of congestion. Many a horse has been saved from foundering by being stood in the creek. We use water to clean horses, tack and stables.

Foxhunters and beaglers are particularly dependent on water. The dampness of the ground and the humidity of the air play a major part in providing good or bad scent. Fields saturated with water may be too soft to ride over or, in cold weather, too hard and slippery. Periods of drouth involve hard going and bad scenting conditions. No matter how much protection and food a covert provides for foxes,

hares and cottontails, they cannot make use of it unless there is drinking water close by. A pond which serves in summer may become frozen and therefore useless for this purpose in winter. Not only foxes, but the mice and rabbits on which they mainly depend for food, need water. So do the plants eaten by the quarry of the beagle and basset.

The moral of all this is that sportsmen everywhere should educate themselves as to the water situation in their community and join with civic, agricultural and industrial groups to conserve, control and improve its supply. It is one thing we cannot do without.

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Letters

Grateful Thanks

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to send through this fine paper my most grateful thanks to the many, many friends who have written and wired us upon learning of the passing of my father Fred Tejan. It came as a great blow to us, as somehow we figured Fred would go on and on as people connected with horses all their life seem to do, but there is one consolation he died with his boots on (figuratively speaking) and all of his real friends will miss him. As I was always pretty close to him in many ways I knew that his first and real love was for horses.

Sincerely,

Ed Tejan

December 29, 1955
1821 E. Belleview
Phoenix, Arizona

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Racing In Norway

Dear Sir:

In your edition of Friday, December 23, one of your friendly correspondents has written a statement which does injustice to Norway, and I hasten to correct it.

The article says that I "While in Norway, had the only farm which raised Thoroughbreds and hunters." This is incorrect since there were and still are several farms raising Thoroughbreds and hunters, or rather field horses for national and international competitions like One-Day and Three-Day-Events and jumping.

As far as racing is concerned, Oslo — the capital of Norway — has one of the prettiest (if not the prettiest) race tracks in Europe, called Oevrevoll. It operates continuously through the summer months from early in May to the middle of October, depending on the weather, with race days being mostly Thursdays and Sundays, and sometimes Saturdays. The stakes most looked forward to during the season are The Scandinavian Cup, The Coronation Commemoration Cup, and the Norwegian Derby. Another

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REVIEW OF THE WEEK



Bobby Brocato Wins \$16,250 In The San Pasqual At Santa Anita For Third Straight

Raleigh Burroughs

It is unlikely that I ever shall get to be the master of a stable of great horses, unless I should win the Kentucky Club Tobacco Company's contest ten years in a row and each time draw an animal of stakes quality. If this happens, though, I'm going to put a codicil in my will. It shall stipulate, with proper whereases, hereins and thereabouts, that no stodgy trust officer shall be engaged to dispose of my Thoroughbred holdings in settling the estate.

I want one of those Kentucky-horse-traders to peddle my ponies. And I don't want any of that sealed-bid monkey business. Mine will be sold at public auction at the biggest horse park operating at the time of sale.

If Miss Woolwine will be kind enough to act as executor, she's my gal.

Miss Woolwine is the simple country lass who wrote the letter answering the \$500,000 question. She wrote, and I quote, though not verbatim, "I'll give \$410,000 for those horses."

In the opinion of the judges this was the best letter received in the contest. No consideration was given to neatness, spelling, handwriting or flowered decorations around the edges of the page. Nothing counted but money.

Well, if you've been following the game closely, you know that Miss Woolwine immediately set out to prove that the expressive hand of the auctioneer is quicker than the blindfolded eye of the sealed bid.

So she got \$924,100 for her \$410,000.

It was a transaction that would have made the old-time wolves of Wall Street blanch with fear, turn red with shame, green with envy and blue to the core. It was a colorful operation.

Were J. Pierpont Morgan alive today, he would doff his topper, bow low to the ground and salute the new champion.

Miss Woolwine had two partners, but, from the information I get, Milly did the dickering. Nevertheless, Mr. Edward Potter, Jr., of Nashville, and Mrs. Harry S. Mittendorf, of Philadelphia, had the foresight and gumption to go along with a smart investor, so they will enjoy shares of the profits.

It's such things that make you realize what a wonderful country this is. Where else in the world can a poor country girl with only \$410,000 run it to nearly a million in four weeks?

Santa Anita

Santa Anita was closed on New Year's Day, because it was Sunday, so two stakes were run on Monday to help catch

up. This made the average a stake a day for the six programs of the meeting to January 2.

The six-furlong **Las Flores**, for females, and the mile-and-a-quarter **San Gabriel**, for all kinds of horses, entertained 36,837 persons that couldn't get into the Rose Bowl or preferred horse-racing.

It was a poor day for favorites; the public didn't guess right once in eight tries, so maybe the real smarties did go to the Bowl game and take the short odds on Michigan State against the home lads.

Poltex Stable's **On The Move** went three-quarters in 1:10½, making all the quarters herself to win the Las Flores Handicap. C. T. Chenery's Scansion tried all the way to catch the leader but missed by three-quarters of a length. She was closer than that at times.

Island Queen was third, another three-quarters back and half a length before In Reserve.

Bell O'Shandon, the people's choice, was as close as third for part of the trip, but dropped back to fifth, before the money was handed out.

Searching, which won three at Pimlico, and was the hope of Easterners who were trying to kill bookmaking once and for all, floundered around and finished up seventh. It was found later that she had developed a splint, which is one of Nature's ways of preserving the species of bet-takers.

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The race was worth \$15,200 to the Poltex Stable. The mutuels payoff was \$19-10.

On The Move (Mafosta—Just-a-Minute, by Can't Wait) won 3 races in 1955. She was second in 9 and third in 2, earning \$23,550. Apprentice D. Lewis rode the winner; Carlton Roles trains her.

Correlation attracted the most play in the **San Gabriel** — a race on the turf, incidentally — but disappointed sadly, finishing seventh in the eight-horse race. Having no one but Bill Shoemaker to guide him, he managed to get into close quarters after going about a mile, but that wasn't what did it; he just didn't have it.

Star of Ross, bred by John McGrath owned by Neil McCarthy and trained by Bill Finnegan (What's this, Leopards-town?) scored his first victory since leaving the auld sod.

He was the second longest shot in the field and returned a mutuel of \$36.20.

Mintaka, Dictar and Blue Volt were in that order behind the leader at the end of the race.

Lychnus showed the way in the early part of the event, with Correlation, Dictar and Mintaka taking shots at him. Dictar took over the lead at the eighth pole, as Lychnus began to tire.

Star of Ross, in seventh place with half a mile to go, raced into contention

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PAVOT stakes winner of \$373,365

br. 1942 by Case Ace—Coquelicot, by Man o' War

Sire of 11 two-year-old Winners in 1955. Undefeated leading 2-year-old money winner of his year. Sire of many Stakes class performers including Impromptu, Cigar Maid, The Pimpernel, Andre, Wise Pop, South Point, etc.

1956 Fee: \$2,500 Live Foal

stakes winning half-brother to

One Count horse of the year. **POST CARD**

br. 1947 by Firethorn—Ace Card, by Case Ace

Post Card won 8 stakes races and \$170,525. Defeated such speedsters as County Delight, Middleground, Oil Capitol, To Market, Yildiz, Jampol etc.

1956 Fee: \$500 Live Foal

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How would you like to invest your money and have it earn \$23,368.18 per day for the next 22 days. That is exactly what Mrs. Mildred Woolwine and her associates Edward Potter, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Mittendorf did when they purchased, by sealed bid, the broodmares and weanlings (foals of 1955) belonging to the estate of the late William Woodward, Jr. Their sealed bid was \$410,000. On Friday afternoon, January 6th, they sold the entire lot, 16 yearlings and 23 broodmares (the aged mare Dancing Dora was put down) at Keeneland for \$924,100. This gave them a profit, minus the vanning charges and the expense of maintaining the stock for 22 days, of \$514,100.

As was expected the dam of Nashua was the star of the consignment. Started at \$100,000 by Fasig Tipton's Humphrey Finney, the dark bay 14-year-old daughter of Johnstown—*Kekmet, by Sardanapale, in foal to Nashua's sire *Nasrullah, was bid to \$126,000 before she was knocked down to Mr. Finney as agent for Starvos Niarchos.

In the bidding on Segula the Standard-bred enthusiast Walter Michaels of Bucyrus, Ohio was the only contender in the bidding duel with Mr. Finney and he bowed out at \$125,000.

Mr. Finney was also able to purchase Valse d'Or, an Eight Thirty mare, in foal to *Nasrullah, for \$76,000 on behalf of the same gentleman. Mr. Niarchos is an English shipping magnate whose horses abroad are trained by Sir Gordon Richards. However, Mr. Niarchos, according to his secretary Marke Zervutachi, plans leaving the mares in Kentucky at E. Barry Ryan's Normandy Farm, as a basis for starting a racing stable in this country.

From the time the first yearling entered the ring the proceedings moved with a brisk alertness. The top price realized among the yearlings was for Hip #11, the bay colt by *Nasrullah out of the Hannah Dustin Handicap winner My Emma for \$35,000 to Eddie Hayward as agent. The next high dollar among the yearlings was for the opening lot of the sale, the bay filly by *Nasrullah out of the good race mare Bonnie Beryl, which fetched \$33,000 from C. V. Whitney.

The old racing establishment of Greentree Stud bought several outstanding offerings among the broodmares including the brilliant race mare and producer Vagrancy, in foal to Tom Fool, for \$51,000, the Hyperion matron *Moon Star II, in foal to *Ambiorix for \$84,000, and Nashua's full sister Natasha for \$45,000. Nashua's half-sister, the fine race mare of several seasons ago, Sabette, by Alsab went to William G. Helis, Jr. for \$49,000.

— K. K.

Complete summaries follow.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 YEARLINGS

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| b. c., by *Nasrullah—My Emma, by *Isolator; E. Hayward, agent | \$35,000 |
| b. f., by *Nasrullah—Bonnie Beryl, by Fighting Fox; C. V. Whitney | 33,000 |
| ch. c., by *Nasrullah—Marguery, by *Sir Gallahad III; Hill N Dale Farm | 30,000 |
| b. c., by Double Jay—Vienna, by Menow; C. V. Whitney | 25,000 |
| b. c., by *Nasrullah—Vagrancy, by *Sir Gallahad III; Mollie Cullom, agent | 23,000 |
| b. f., by *Ambiorix—Valse d'Or, by Eight Thirty; Mr. & Mrs. Travis Kerr | 19,000 |
| b. f., by *Ambiorix—Segula, by Johnstown; J. W. Greathouse, agent | 11,200 |

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| br. f., by Dark Star—Dora Dear, by *Foray II; Mrs. Roger W. Wilson | 10,000 |
| br. c., by Arctic Star—*Fairshot, by Big Game; Elmendorf Farm | 9,000 |
| b. c., by *Ambiorix—Catana, by Fighting Fox; A. B. Hancock, Jr. | 7,400 |
| ch. c., by Fighting Fox—*Humility, by Hyperion; E. Winer | 6,500 |
| b. c., by Some Chance—Maraschino, by *Sir Gallahad III; J. F. Gagel | 5,500 |
| gr. c., by Migoli—*Frustrated, by Casanova; E. Zantker | 3,600 |
| b. c., by *Ambiorix—Hypnotic, by *Hypnotist II; Dr. Horace N. Davis | 3,600 |
| b. c., by Prince Simon—La Rose, by *Jacopo; A. J. Ostreicher | 3,000 |
| br. f., by *Ambiorix—Vulcania, by Some Chance; P. Fuller | 2,800 |
| (Total for yearlings, \$228,600; average, \$14,287) | |

BROODMARES

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| Segula, dk. b., 14, by Johnstown—*Sekhmet, by Sardanapale; Fasig-Tipton Co. | \$126,000 |
| *Moon Star II, ch., 7, by Hyperion—Superbe, by Bosworth; Greentree Stud | 84,000 |
| Valse d'Or, ch., 12, by Eight Thirty—Valse, by *Sir Gallahad III; Fasig-Tipton Co. | 76,000 |
| Vulcania, ch., 8, by Some Chance—Vagrancy, by *Sir Gallahad III; A. B. Hancock, Jr. | 72,000 |
| Vagrancy, dk. b., 17, by *Sir Gallahad III—Val-kyr, by Man o' War; Greentree Stud | 51,000 |
| Sabette, ch., 6, by Alsab—Segula, by Johnstown; William Helis, Jr. | 49,000 |
| Natasha, b., 4, by *Nasrullah—Vagrancy, by *Sir Gallahad III; Greentree Stud | 45,000 |
| My Emma, b., 11, by *Isolator—Marigal, by *Sir Gallahad III; Rigan McKinney | 42,000 |
| Bonnie Beryl, ch., 13, by Fighting Fox—Bonnie Maginn, by *War Cloud; E. B. Ryan | 32,000 |
| Marguery, b., 18, by *Sir Gallahad III—Marguerite, by Celt; Ernest H. Woods | 22,000 |
| Viennese, b., 4, by Prince Simon—Valse d'Or, by Eight Thirty; Ashbel Green, Jr. | 17,000 |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Catana, br., 12, by Fighting Fox—*Humility, by Hyperion; C. H. Wacker 3rd | 12,000 |
| Hypnotic, ch., 13, by *Hypnotist II—Valkyr, by Man o' War; King Ranch | 11,500 |
| Bonnie Blink, dk. ch., 9, by Fighting Fox—Bonnie Maginn, by *War Cloud; W. L. Jones, Jr. | 10,000 |
| Vienna, dk. b., 15, by Menow—Valse, by *Sir Gallahad III; Mr. & Mrs. Travis Kerr | 9,700 |
| Dora Dear, br., 15, by *Foray II—Dancing Dora, by *Sir Gallahad III; Thomas H. Bennett | 8,000 |
| *Vibration II, b., 20, by Sir Cosmo—Ciliata, by Cicero; Clark Horse Agency | 7,100 |
| *Humility, ch., 18, by Hyperion—Priscilla Carter, by *Omar Khayyam; Mrs. H. J. Damm | 6,700 |
| Seclude, dk. b., 8, by *Isolator—Solola, by *Sir Gallahad III; George Cavanaugh, Jr. | 5,100 |
| La Rose, dk. b., 11, by *Jacopo—La Rambla, by *Sir Gallahad III; Clark Horse Agency | 4,100 |
| Thread o' Gold, dk. b., 15, by Menow—Filon d'Or, by *Sir Gallahad III; Peter Fuller | 2,500 |
| Maraschino, b., 17, by *Sir Gallahad III—Marguerite, by Celt; L. K. Haggin, agent | 1,500 |
| Marapania, b., 9, by Devil Diver—Maraschino, by *Sir Gallahad III; George Cavanaugh, Jr. | 1,300 |
| Total, 23 broodmares, \$695,500; average, \$30,239. | |
| Grand total: 39 head, \$924,100; average, \$23,695. | |

HIS 25th YEAR AT HIALEAH

Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, 81-year-old trainer of Nashua, is celebrating his 25th consecutive season of winter racing at Hialeah Park. Mr. Fitz moved into Barn A at the flamingo track in 1932 and has been stabled there since.

Stakes List Available at Calumet

Mrs. Margaret Glass, Office Manager at Mrs. Gene Markey's Calumet Farm, Lexington, Ky., has prepared a list of 57 stakes nominations and payments due in 1956. As a service to horsemen, mimeographed copies of the list will be distributed free upon request as long as they last.

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Irish Racing News

Stanislaus Lynch

ALL PLATE RACES WILL BECOME STAKES

The Irish Racing Board which has been responsible for so many far-reaching improvements to racing in Ireland has initiated a change over from Plates to Stakes for all races both on the flat and over jumps of an advertised value of £600 (900 dollars) and over.

Not the least important feature of this reform is the effect which it is likely to have on the minds of overseas owners and breeders. To a great many of these overseas people, particularly to Americans, the word Plate is inclined to indicate an inferior type of race and an inferior type of horse. While the Stake indicate races of much greater importance. As the result of this, any Irish race horse, which has been victorious in Stakes is likely to earn dollars more easily than a horse which has only won Plates.

It is admitted that the greatest incentive to owners, breeders and trainers of racehorses is the prize money which they will receive as a reward for their efforts. Under the new arrangement, prize money will be bigger and in some instances double what it is at present. For instance the Phoenix Plate, which is worth £1,500 (4,500 dollars) will become worth approximately twice that amount. Assuming of course that entries for the race remain roughly what they have been in recent years.

In future it will be the Phoenix Stakes with £1,500 (4,500 dollars) added. The prize money will be made up from a sum put up by the Racecourse Executive, a contribution from the Racing Board, owner's entries and forfeit fees.

This race is at present known as the unofficial two year old Championship of Irish Racing and it carries extremely high value in prestige.

Three of the most highly coveted two year old races at The Curragh, which is the Head Quarters of the whole Irish racing industry, are:— The Anglesey, Railway and Beresford Plates. In addition to these the Irish Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Casarewitch, will also be enhanced enormously in money value

and in prestige by being converted into Stakes.

The important feature of the change-over will be that when the higher values of Irish races become known abroad, Irish trainers may have to contend with strong challenges from Great Britain and the Continent of Europe for the top two year old Irish races of the year.

An interesting feature of the change is that the new Stake races will not benefit owners of flat racehorses only but will also benefit owners of hurdlers and steeplechasers.

In Ireland of course, there are not so many races valued £600 (1,800 dollars) or over, under the Irish National Hunts Steeplechase rules as there would be under the Rules of Racing, but the Irish Grand National and the Galway Plate and Galway Hurdle will now become stake events.

Regarding the Galway Plate however, the name will remain unchanged but the race will become a Stakes race with £1,500 (4,500 dollars) added, and it is understood that a piece of Plate will also be included as part of the prize money in future years.

Regarding the Galway Hurdle, which is now valued at £1,000 (3,000 dollars) it will become a Stakes race with £800 (2,400 dollars). This change should greatly enhance the value of the race in future years.

As can be seen from these few instances, the new arrangement initiated by the Racing Board, are not merely alternations in nomenclature, they are very material changes, which should have a most beneficial effect on racing in general in the years ahead.

IRISH RACE HORSE DISQUALIFIED

A sensation was caused in Irish racing circles by recent issue in the Irish Racing Calendar of the disqualification of a horse named, Ballyknock.

According to the statement in the current issue of "The Irish Racing Calendar" the horse named Ballyknock ran for an owner with an assumed name in direct contravention of the rules, between August 29th and November 5th.

The disqualification of this horse is the effect of a finding by the Stewards

of the Turf Club and of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee following an inquiry into the ownership of Ballyknock, which ran in the name and colours of Miss Clair Ramsone.

As a result of the findings Ballyknock which won the Irish Casarewitch at The Curragh on November 5th is disqualified, and the race has been awarded to Reinstated, who finished two and a half lengths behind him. Limeragh, which finished third, has been awarded 2nd place and Proud Dandy which was fourth was awarded third place.

The value of the stake to Reinstated, which was owned by Mrs. J. Burke, is £740 (2,220 dollars).

As a result of the findings, the Stewards had to rearrange the results of the following races: Moate Maiden Hurdle at Kilbeggan on August 29th. The Tipperary Handicap Hurdle at Thurles on September 13th. and the Johnstown Handicap Hurdle at Leopardstown on October 8th.

On the day of the Irish Casarewitch a course objection to Ballyknock was lodged on the grounds that during the race, in which three horses fell he had gone on the wrong side of a post about a half mile from the finish.

When the Stewards heard the evidence of English rider, D. W. Morris, who stated, that his mount, Constant Pearl, and not Ballyknock was the horse that had gone inside the post, they overruled the objection.

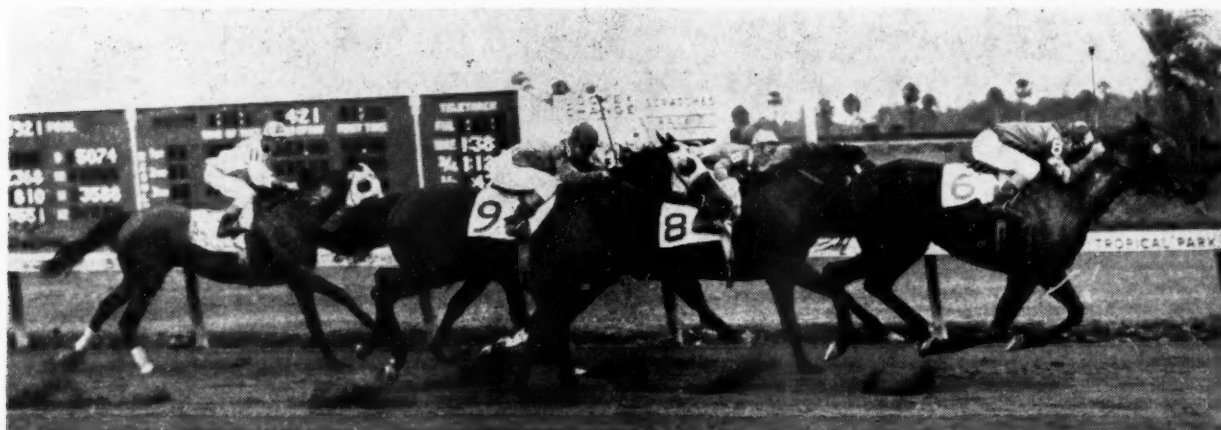
The rule in Ireland relating to a horse running under an assumed name states:— "No owner shall make use of an assumed name for the purpose of entering or running horses, and any horse entered under an assumed name shall be disqualified."

AGA KHAN'S HAFIZ II TO ENTER STUD

The horse which beat Darius and Panaslipper in the Champion Stakes at New Market, England, the Aga Khan's three year old colt, Hafiz II, will retire to stud at the end of next season. His services will be syndicated and he will stand at Sallymount Stud, Brannockstown, Co. Kildare.

The Aga Khan will retain twenty shares, and twenty other will be offered to breeders at £2,000 (8,000 dollars) per share. This represents a syndicate value of £80,000 (24,000 dollars). The Aga Khan retains the right to race the colt next season, if he so wishes, provided he

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(Tropical Park Photo)

Kennedy-Veale Stable's Florida-bred Marked Game pulled a mild surprise by winning the 1½ miles Christmas Handicap by a length from Spring Hill Farm's Shimke, which was a nose to the good of Wheatley Stable's Full Flight. Man of Destiny on the rail was 4th with Helianthus 5th. The 6-year-old Marked Game, by Ariel Game—Simplemark, by Invermark, also won this event back in 1953.

Irish Racing News

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pays all expenses. He may retain any prize money won.

Hafiz II, seems, to have bright prospects ahead, as there are several valuable four year old races open to him. He may contest the Champion Stakes, at Newmarket, England again, also King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes and the Coronation Cup. In addition to these he may of course contest many of the principal French races, and also the biggest prize on the American horizon: — Laurel Park international.

Judging from his present form, he could earn stakes money in the region of £25,000 (75,000 dollars) by winning a couple of these races, for the Aga Khan, within the terms of the syndicate provisions.

The syndicate shares although offered for present acceptance, do not fall due for payment until November 1956, by which time the horse should have enhanced its value.

At that time he will have to pass a veterinary examination.

The explanation for the retirement of

this young horse to stud, and the announcement being published twelve months earlier than is usual, is "because it is desired that the colt should first be offered to breeders on the Eastern side of the Atlantic."

American breeders seem to be anxious to get hold of this valuable youngster and it is understood that many offers have been received for him from U. S. A. One bid of £80,000 (240,000 dollars) has been mentioned.

His breeding is interesting, since he traces in tail female to Double Shield, which was bred at Cloghran Stud, Co. Dublin. This mare was by the famous Batchelor's Double. Hafiz II is by Nearco out of Double Rose III.

Another interesting recent syndication is also another Champion Stakes winner Narrator, which among other races won the Coronation Cup. His syndicate valuation is £50,000 (150,000 dollars) representing shares of £1,250 (3,700 dollars) each.

TWO MORE STALLIONS TO STAND AT STUD IN IRELAND

Mr. E. J. Corbett's, Cranagh Castle Stud at Templemore, County Tipperary, will have the 1949 English St. Leger winner Ridge Wood, and the Ascot Gold

Cup winner, Supertello, standing at the stud next season.

Ridge Wood is half brother to Dacian, who was winner of the Dewhurst Stakes.

IRISH HORSES FOR EXPORT

Two two-year-olds, formerly trained by Sir Gordon Richards, have been purchased by an Irish Bloodstock Agency and are due to leave for America a week before Christmas. They are two year old Proclamation and Straight Line.

The same agency will also ship this week, six Irish bred yearlings to owners in Spain.

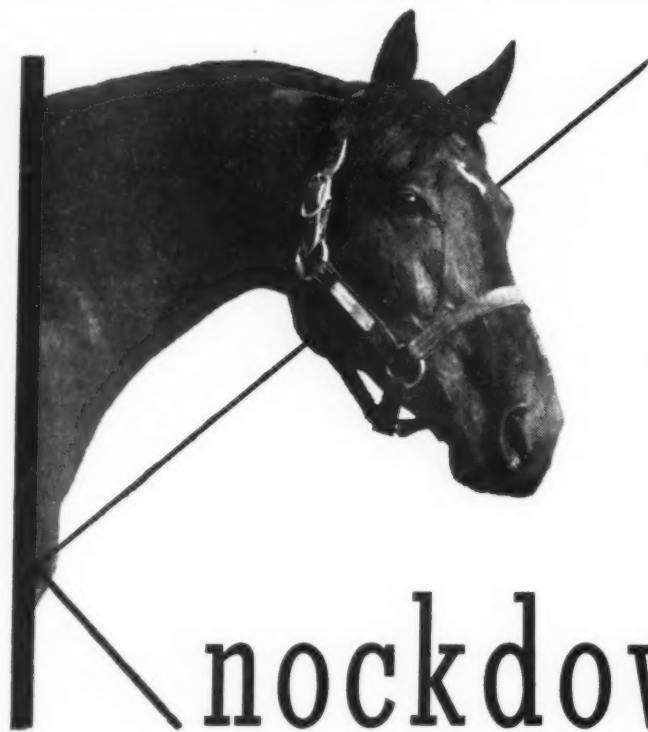
TAAFFE BROTHERS WIN THREE 'CHASES

The Taaffe family so prominent in racing circles in Ireland had a field day at Proudstown Park, Navan, on Dec. 10.

Pat Taaffe won the Slane Chase, on Mr. Ken Newham's promising 'chaser Blue Moth; While his brother "Toss" won the Boyne Novice Chase, on Ruddy Glow and the Troystown Chase in a terrific finish on Icelough.

To round off the wonderful family victory, both Ruddy Glow and Icelough are trained by the boys father Mr. Tom Taaffe of Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.

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On December 30 at Santa Anita Knockdown's RIGHT DOWN whirled 6 furlongs in 1:10, just a tick off the track record.

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News from the STUDS

KENTUCKY

Andy B. W. to Glenary

E. H. Taylor Hay and William H. May last week announced the purchase of the eight-year-old Andy B. W. for stud purposes. The son of Psychic Bid—Bess Mayes, by *Grandace, will stand at Mr. May's Glenary Farm, Frankfort.

A \$200 yearling, Andy B. W. did his most successful racing for Leon Aarons and Benjamin Hokin. The horse first attracted attention by equalling the Hawthorne 1 1/16-mile track record of 1:42% in the 1951 Illinois Owners Handicap. The next season he took the Edward J. Fleming Memorial, and set a new Hawthorne six-furlong standard of 1:09% in the Billings Handicap. He bowed a tendon thereafter and was out of action for a complete year, but made a successful comeback in 1954.

Widener Juveniles

George D. Widener's Old Kenney Farm, Lexington, last week released the list of 13 two-year-olds it will send to the races this year.

Among the three colts, two geldings and eight fillies are Collina, half sister, by Roman, to Pomace; La Turbie, daughter of *Ardan out of Sungari, winner of the Astoria and Colleen Stakes, and the filly division of the National Stallion; One Stroke, full brother to Lights Up; and Shun, full sister to No Score.

Greatest Retired

Tom F. Devereux announced last week that his \$107,435 earner Greatest will be retired to take up stud duties at Devereux Farm, Lexington, this spring. He will stand at private contract.

The six-year-old Greatest, by Equifox out of the stakes-placed Gayest, by Chaledon, won the Bull Dog Hi-Weight Handicap; and set a new Detroit record of 1:36% in last year's Michigan Mile.

Cinnamon to Manage Maine Chance

Melvin Cinnamon last week took over as Manager of Mrs. Elizabeth N. Graham's Maine Chance Farm, Lexington (the former Crown Crest Farm).

Bosque Bonita Buys Unerring

Bob Alexander's Bosque Bonita Farm, Versailles, last week purchased privately the 20-year-old stakes winner and stakes producer Unerring, in foal to Citation, from Mrs. Gene Markey's Calumet Farm, Lexington.

Full sister to Lawrin and Inscollassie, and half sister to two other stakes victors, Unerring herself took the Starlet Stakes, Washington Park Special and 14 other races in four racing seasons.

Her first foal was the \$304,945 earner Faultless, by Citation's sire Bull Lea.

— Frank Talmadge Phelps

PENNSYLVANIA

Another "Convert"

Clyde H. Smith, who has been allied with the kindred sports of racing, has entered the Thoroughbred breeding game with an eye to racing his own stock. Mr. Smith, actively interested in hunting, has just completed his second year as President of the Beaufort Hunt, Harrisburg, Pa., of which he has been a director for many years. The Pennsylvania sportsman also followed the show

circuit on a modest scale for several years before deciding that "... the breeding of Thoroughbreds would be more interesting and possibly more profitable".

Mr. Smith's present breeding stock consists of the two young mares Young Edith and Kipschick. Young Edith, a handsome daughter of the Chance Shot stallion Maechange out of Briarchal, by *Challenger II is in foal to the hard-hitting, classy Combat Boots. The arrival of her foal is awaited with a great deal of interest as this will be her first foal, and also the first for the young stallion Combat Boots. The mare is now at the O'Farrell Brothers' Windy Hills Farm, Westminster, Maryland, where she will foal and be bred back to the son of Our Boots—Miss Dodo, by Man o'War. Young Edith's foal, by having been dropped in the "Old Line State", will be eligible for all Maryland-bred races.

It has not been decided to which Maryland stallion Kipschick will be bred. The 4-year-old brown filly is by Lochinvar out of Ice Lady by the good broodmare sire *Isolater.

Mr. Smith expects to build his broodmare band up to four matrons, which with his hunters and a Registered Angus herd will keep his Glenn Acres Farm, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania quite busy. — K. K.



VIRGINIA

Early in December two exceptionally well-bred weanlings arrived from England at Mrs. George Harrison's Blue Ridge Farm, Upperville, Va. These youngsters are destined to augment Blue Ridge Farm's yearling consignment to the Saratoga yearling sales.

The imports, now yearlings are: a bay filly by Owen Tudor—Crayke by Fair Trial and a brown colt by Petition—Joyce Grove, by Bois Roussel. Crayke, a half-

sister to the brilliant Nimbus, was bought last year at the Newmarket Sales in foal to Owen Tudor. She remained abroad where the filly was foaled and was bred, and is in foal, to the American-bred Derby-St. Leger winner Never Say Die. The colt out of Joyce Grove, a half-sister to Rustum, was purchased privately.

Fertilizer

W. W. Lewis, Extension Agronomist, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, said today that "the pay-off in fertilization comes from using the right amounts of the right kinds of fertilizer, coupled with good farming practices," adding that "adequate fertilization pays off for Virginia farmers."

"Using the proper amounts and kinds of fertilizer for the particular crops is important in any farming system," he emphasized. "This usually means high fertilization. Efficient production is the key to lowering the per unit cost of production."

"Based on research, the yields of nearly all of our crops could be increased by the use of more plant food per acre," he said. "This increased yield per acre will mean less cost per unit of production in most instances. This is just good business."

"If the feed needed for livestock on a farm can be produced efficiently on less acres, the result will be a sounder farm operation."

"In cooperation with the fertilizer industry in 1953, information was obtained on the present and possible uses of fertilizer on crops. The results of this survey show that on all our main field crops, higher yields can be obtained through the use of heavier rates of fertilizer. For example, the 1950-52 average yield of alfalfa in the State was 2.25 tons per acre. Research shows that this State yield could be raised to 3.50 tons per acre through proper fertilization at seeding and maintenance. Corn is another crop from which the State yield could be raised through increased fertilization. From observations in the State, nitrogen appears to be the most needed plant food on corn at the present time. This same survey indicates that the State corn yield could be 65 bushels per acre instead of the 1950-52 average of 41.3 bushels per acre."

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Haskell Addresses TRA Convention

The continued growth of Thoroughbred racing and the prominent place it holds today — America's leading spectator sport — was emphasized by Amory L. Haskell, president of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations of the United States, Inc., at the fourteenth annual convention of that body held at the Fontainebleau Hotel. Haskell, in addition to his duties as President of the T. R. A., also serves as President of Monmouth Park and the United Hunts Racing Association. He pointed out that in 1942, when the T. R. A. was formed, annual attendance was approximately ten million. In 1955 well over thirty million persons will have witnessed the Thoroughbred sport. "Wagering, which is the measurement of confidence and public interest in racing, has grown from the annual figure of 630 million dollars in 1942 to more than 2 billion dollars in 1955. This is an increase of 220%", said Haskell.

Commenting on the quality of Thoroughbred racing, the speaker noted that the purses put up by the Thoroughbred tracks, too, have increased perceptibly. In 1941 sixteen and one-half million dollars was allocated to purses, while in 1955 the purses distributed by running tracks amounted to more than 68 million dollars — an increase of 300 per cent.

There has been a phenomenal increase in revenue accruing to the treasuries of the twenty-three sponsoring Thoroughbred racing continued the President. In 1942 \$36,500,000 was realized, while in 1954 this figure had reached more than 180 million dollars.

Racing is constantly threatened by increased taxation, declared Haskell. State legislatures have always eyed racing with a view toward taking a larger slice. Thoroughbred racing has, through the managers of the individual tracks in their own states as well as the T. R. A. nationally, sought to point out the "Law of Diminishing Returns." He cited the situation recently in Italy, where a 10% additional levy on the already overtaxed sport in that country occasioned a drop amounting to 70% in betting. The tracks there resultingly were forced to close down and an estimated 50,000 persons were relegated to the Italian unemploy-

ment rolls. In time, the Italian Chamber of Deputies acted to reduce the surtax from 10 to 2 per cent and racing was resumed.

Racing in some sections of this country already is overtaxed and definite steps must be taken to acquaint State and Federal legislators with the "economic facts of life" in the matter of how increased taxation can adversely affect the sport of Thoroughbred racing.

Problems of T. R. A. policy as it affects race tracks, the Grantland Rice Memorial Scholarship at Vanderbilt University, a T. R. A. Directory and Record Book, and the first annual Newspaper Thoroughbred Racing Story Award were also covered in President Haskell's address.

Following His "Heritage"

A carrot-top youngster who grew up within a stone's throw of two race tracks is a clever apprentice-jockey at the Fair Grounds race course this season.

He is Robert Allen "Bobby" Dever, a 21-year-old kid who looks to be a "good one for the future."

He is a native of Louisville, Ky., and he lives between Douglas Park and famous Churchill Downs. Actually, his home is within walking distance of each.

Naturally, with such a "heritage," he was bound to get into racing somehow or other. He chose to become a rider.

Other than the fact that he grew up close to tracks, he became interested in racing through his cousin, Roy Dever, who trained horses at Churchill Downs and Douglas Park.

Presently, Dever is under contract to Walter K. Coleman, who has a string of 12 horses campaigning here. Just Monday, Dever rode one of Coleman's horses, Tiger Play, to a sparkling victory. Tiger Play paid \$83.80.

Through Monday, Dec. 26th, Dever had six winners at the local course. Overall, he has ridden more than 70 winners during his riding career which started on March 22, 1953 at Gulfstream Park. He rode his first winner seven days and seven mounts later on March 29.

His first winning mount, ironically, was on Old Fiddle, a horse he had broken as a yearling.

He started working on the turf at the early age of 12. During the summers, on Christmas holidays, Saturdays and Sundays he was always at the tracks near his home walking "hots", galloping horses, and doing work around the barns.

His cousin Roy taught him how to ride. Later Dever signed his first contract with Joseph D. Puckett, a man whom he liked and who taught him considerable about riding. After that he worked under contract to Henry Forrest. Finally, his contract was sold to his present employer.

Dever's agent is a former jockey — Tommy Cafarelli. Actually, both Dever and Cafarelli rode together during 1953. The pair became close friends and last meeting here Cafarelli picked up Dever's book.

The little Kentucky-born race-rider had a winner on the first mount he accepted at the Fair Grounds. That was on Bill Hinphy's Pleasant Time, a fleet filly who won in one of the two-year quarter-mile dashes.

Overall, Dever, a modest, good-looking kid, had four winners at the 1953 meeting.

Dever holds his 105 pounds on a 5 ft. 1 in. frame. He is a jockey who has no weight problems at the present time. "And I hope I never will," he is prone to say.

His agent, Cafarelli, believes that this 21-year-old apprentice has the makings of a fine rider. "He has already shown that he can ride, but I mean he's the

type of kid who'll go on after he loses his 'bug' to be an outstanding rider," Cafarelli said.

And officials, horsemen and the "old-timers" around the historic Gentilly strip here believe the same thing.

The Official Family

Like umpires on a baseball diamond and referees on a gridiron, officials are a sort of necessary evil on the race tracks. Racing fans do not always like their decisions, particularly when horses are disqualified and winnings snatched out of their pockets, but they are unanimously agreed that officials, in whose hands is left the conduct of the sport, are uniformly honest and efficient citizens of the turf.

Old-timers, watching them at their duties, often ponder at the radical change in the "modus operandi" of modern officials as compared to those of a few decades back. More particularly they point to M. Lewis Clark, officiating judge at the once famous Harlem race course.

It was Clark's custom to sit in an open pagoda on a swivel chair, facing a table. As the horses paraded past him enroute to the barrier he would order the jockeys to line up their mounts in front of him, and lecture each as to just what he expected in the pending race.

It must have sounded something like this:

"You're riding the favorite, Garrison, and excuses will not be tolerated. And you, Winnie O'Connor — that's a fast starter you have under you. Break quickly and stay out of trouble. Ride clean and fair and keep your position in the stretch. If you don't you'll be riding a rail instead of a horse this time tomorrow."

As presiding judge at Harlem, Clark's contract with the association called for a salary of \$100 per day, (Approximately \$1,000 per day at present-day values), plus his expenses at the Auditorium Hotel. With tastes apallingly sybaritic and a lordly disregard for the other fellow who had to foot the bills, he ran up an expense account one month of better than \$1,300.

One evening George Hankins, owner of Harlem, dropped by the hotel to discuss a matter of business and found Clark seated at a groaning table with a dozen or more cronies. Clark rose and grasped Hankin's hand.

"Another chair, boy," he bellowed to one of the waiters, "there's always room for just one more."

The owner of Harlem, although a millionaire some times over, had never sat down to a more elaborate spread — the finest of food, the driest of champagne, the rarest of liquors.

With dinner over, and the last bottle downed in merry toasts, Hankins sank back luxuriously in his chair with a dollar cigar and a great sigh on his lips.

"That, Colonel," he said, "was the finest dinner I ever ate. I'm certainly glad I dropped in."

"Oh, don't thank me," was Clark's nonchalant reply, "you'll find it all on the expense account."

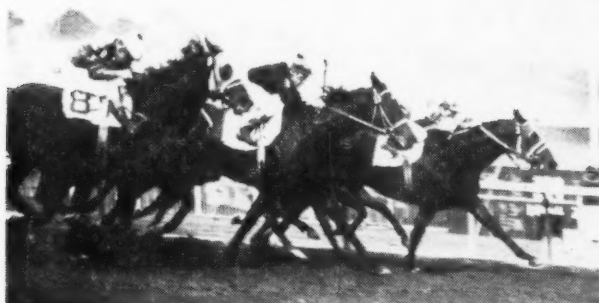
On another occasion Clark shipped his tallyho from Louisville to Chicago, along with four spanking horses, that he might drive in becoming style to witness the running of the American Derby at old Washington Park. Hankins found it on the inevitable expense account.

Perhaps modern officials do not possess the flash and color of these old-timers, yet they are far more efficient than any of those flourishing in the past. The sport has grown to such magnificent proportions that they are eternally aware of the importance of their work

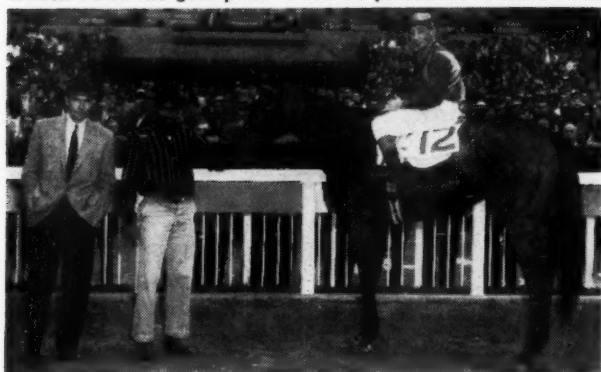
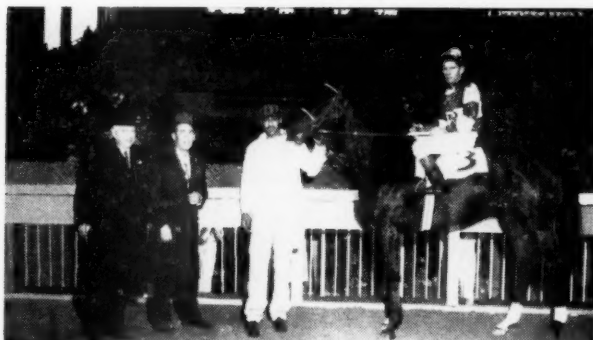
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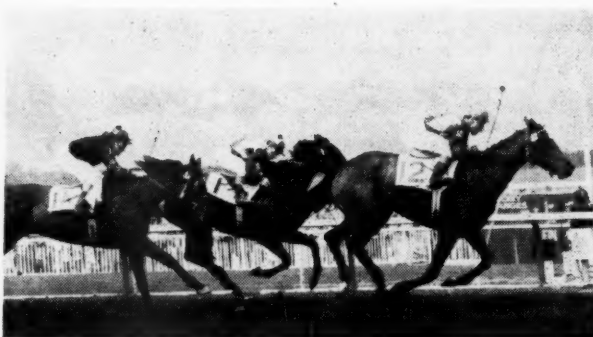
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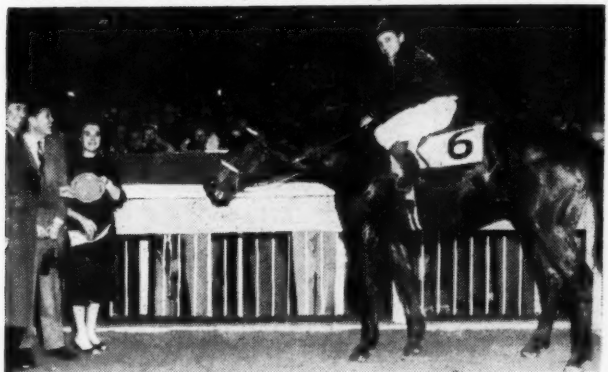
In a terrific finish W-L Ranch Co.'s Honeys Alibi won the Malibu Sequet Stakes by a neck. Second was Hillary by a neck, Beau Busher by a nose, Trackmaster by a neck and Mr. Sullivan by a nose. In the winner's circle, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson holds the gold plate which he presented to Dave Hurn, trainer of Honeys Alibi. Jockey William Boland rode the winner.



Trainer Charles Whittingham greets Llangollen Farm's Tipper in the "charmed" circle after the *Endeavour II filly won the La Centinela Stakes from Mr. & Mrs. G. Lewis Stable's Mrs. Muriel L (#1) and C. H. Jones & Sons Tumbling (#1A). Jockey Eddie Arcaro had the mount.



R. C. Ellsworth's Terrang, a brown 2-year-old colt by *Khaled—Flying Choice, by Flying Heels, won the California Breeders' Trial Stakes from Arcadia Stable's Mobile by $\frac{3}{4}$. President Leigh M. Battson of Los Angeles Turf Club presents the gold plate to Mrs. Rex C. Ellsworth, M. A. Tenney stands near the colt's head. Jockey Willie Shoemaker handled the riding assignment.



Mr. & Mrs. Barry J. Richards, owners of History Book, winner of the Palos Verdes Handicap, receive the trophy emblematic of the victory from Leigh M. Battson. Jockey Ralph Neves rode the 5-year-old son of *Reading II to a length decision over Mr. & Mrs. J. Eyraud's Karim.



The Clubhouse Turn

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and the realization that racing, like Caesar's wife, must be "above suspicion." They are striving to keep it that way as they stand in their respective pagodas and watch through high-powered binoculars the ever-changing panorama of the racing scene. — Horace Wade

Only the Beginning

At yearling sales at Saratoga, Keeneland, Del Mar, Timonium, Garden State, etc., and Canada, spoken assents, nodded heads, raised hands and even swatted gnats were translated by quick-eyed bidspotters into an aggregate of \$8,629,665 as 1,582 young Thoroughbreds minced through the sales rings at an average selling price of \$5,455 each.

The owner of one of these potential stars can sit back and dream of the pots of gold to be found at the end of the rainbow of racing silks.

The dream doesn't last long, however, and then the owner is awakened by a procession of bills incidental to the

ico and Cuba. Of course, there'll be plenty of competition!

Young Jockeys

The British lay Press went into hysterics last season because 12½ yrs. old Robin Langley rode a winner at Manchester's close of the flat season meeting. Several correspondents have written to me to ask if Robin is the youngest jockey ever to pass the post first.

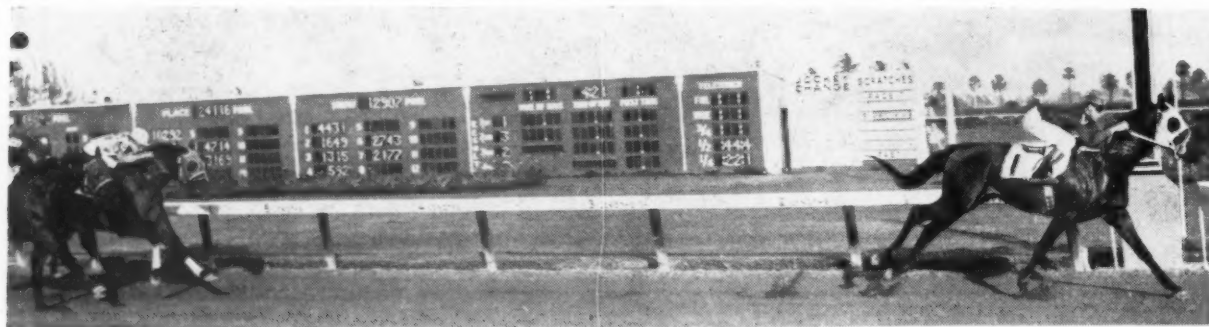
Of course he isn't! In our own time there have been scores of boys younger than he is, who have won races. At one period it was the usual thing for lads to begin their career in racing stables when they were 10 or 11, and to be riding in public as 'feathers' before they were 12. In some early **Racing Calendars** their names are not given. They are simply described as "A Feather".

In answer to the correspondents who have enquired if the 12 yrs. 6 months boy Robin Langley, who won at Manchester on Arts Degree, is the youngest jockey to steer a winner, here are a few younger jockeys in our time: Syd Menzies, (still alive and well at Sedgefield), rode flat races when he was 10 and won

al duty is to safeguard it and, throughout the years, the standards of American racing officials have been on a singularly high plane. Some individuals have been arbitrary, opinionated and tyrannical but, almost without exception, all have had one thing in common — their honesty, incorruptibility and high-minded devotion to the best interests of horse racing.

As late as twenty years ago American racing was on such a limited scale and the number of racing officials so few as compared to today, that almost all professional racing officials were acquainted personally with one another and enjoyed a feeling of fraternity which, during the great expansion of horse racing since the early 1930's had, to a considerable extent, been lost.

The Society of North American Racing Officials will revive that feeling of fraternity which once existed among racing officials and bring about a meeting of the minds among men from all sections of the North American continent. The young racing official will be enabled to benefit by the experience of our older



(Tropical Park Photo)

River Divide Farm's Decathlon galloped to an easy 4 lengths triumph in the 6 furlongs Dade County Handicap at Tropical Park. The then 2-year-old son of Olympia—Dog Blessed, by "Bull Dog took the track and was never seriously menaced. Dark Toga on the rail was second by a nose over Loose Lip.

training and racing of a Thoroughbred. Because yearlings are fattened for the market, a necessary evil lamented by everyone concerned except the yearling, they must, after being purchased, be turned out on grass for from four to six weeks. The excess weight culminated to attract the buyer, must be whittled off before they can be broken.

If the owner doesn't have his own farm the yearling must be sent to an equine kindergarten where at \$10 per day (or more) he learns that there's more to life than eating and frolicking in a field. First step in his breaking is to accustom him to a bridle and then in slow easy lessons he learns that he must accept a girth around his middle and finally a weight on his back.

Thoroughbreds are accustomed from birth to being handled and usually the breaking presents no problem. Because stalls at an active race track are at a premium, the yearling does not get to an actual race track until he is shipped to Florida, New Orleans or California late in the year.

Size, temperament, bucked shins, coughing and other factors may delay the day when he can start earning his keep though he is eligible to race when he becomes a 2-year-old on January 1st. Meanwhile, his appetite for oats, his transportation, his ailments and his training generally add up to something in the neighborhood of \$400 per month.

However, making all this worthwhile is a total of over \$60,000,000 in purses to be earned in the United States and another \$5,000,000 offered in Canada, Mex-

ico and Cuba. Of course, there'll be plenty of competition!

Under National Hunt Rules before he was 12. Jim Adams, (now living at Kirbymoorside as a nonegenarian), won hurdle races when he was 12. The late Melton Vasey, (brother of Percy and father of Avril), rode winners before he was 10. Geo. Manser, who latterly trained at Beverley, won races when a schoolboy of 10. At the same age Ian Martin, Frank Wootton, Lester Reiff, and Tommy Rimell were all riding in public and winning races. John Page, who won the Grand National on Cortolvin, won his first steeplechase when he was 10, and Percy Woodland rode his first winner over fences when he was 12.

Lester Piggott was 12 when he rode his first winner, and so one might go on adding to the list. Let one more instance suffice. The late George S. Thompson, of Newbuilding, Thirk, (the best amateur of his day), steered his first winner on Knavesmire at York before he was eight years old, and when his bodily weight was 2st 13 lbs. — J. F.B.

Important Milestone is Reached

The formation of the Society of North American Racing Officials in New York on May 22, 1955 will, in future years, be recognized as an important milestone in the progress of American racing.

The professional racing official is the keystone which holds together the structure of American racing. No sport can boast of a more sincere group of administrators than those who have made officiating on American racetracks their life work.

The quality of racing is determined by the caliber of the men whose profession-



(Tropical Park Photo)

Jockey Gene Martin guides Decathlon back to the winner's circle after the Dade County Handicap.

members and his progress in his profession will be guided by the standards and principles which their knowledge will establish for him.

The Society of North American Racing Officials is a new organization only in a technical sense. In reality the Society is the formal recognition of a fraternity, which has existed a long time. We have joined together to perpetuate the exacting standards which the profession has already established for itself and on May 22, 1955, laid the cornerstone of a structure which will ensure the continuity of those high principles which have characterized the North American Racing Official. — Barry Whitehead

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On November 12, 1955, the Field met at Burnside on this warm and fair Saturday at the appointed 11:00 A. M. Following in cars were Mrs. John H. Richards, Jr. and Mrs. Robert Melville, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Borden and children. John Richards, Jr., M. F. H.; Mrs. James Cochrane; Mrs. Frank Griffin; Thomas Simmons, ex-M. F. H. and groom; William Frantz and groom; Robert Beattie; William Frantz, Jr., Honorary Whipper-in; Martin Kahn; and Joe Young made up the Field.

Our Hunt started not 10 minutes after moving off, when hounds found at the Burial Grounds on Hunting Hill. "Charles James" was viewed by those following running across the top of Hunting Hill and into the Brown Farm at the end of Pickering Thicket. He then proceeded parallel to Ridley Creek, through Pickering and out the far end. From here he went under the cyclone fence surrounding the Guided Missile Post, crossed the government grounds, and came out the far side. Hounds weren't able to get under this fence, so a few of the field had to practically pull them through. In a few minutes, though, the pack was again collected on the line of this wonderful running fox.

Reynard was viewed as he took to the Delchester Road, cut left handed, and ran the cornfield to the West Chester Pike. Running dead ahead up the lane, he bore right handed across a wheat field, down into a valley, turned left handed by a pond, and crossed three farms to our first check at Radnor and Plumsock roads after fifty minutes of steady hunting. Followers viewed our pilot going away parallel to Ogden Avenue, so Huntsman Millard Heller and Whippers-in Lipton and Pegler soon had hounds on the line. A twenty-five minute circle back to the West Chester Pike at the Edgemont Turkey Farm followed. There, our huntsman cast the hounds on foot to try to recover the line but automobile traffic was so heavy that an exhausted but quite happy field was willing to call it a day.

Thursday, November 17th, the Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club had its best and longest run of the season, (1 hour and 50 minutes) which was particularly notable as a fine display of hound work.

The Field met this day at 1:30 a. m. at Alexander Sellers', ex-M. F. H., and was composed of John H. Richards, Jr., M. F. H.; Mrs. James Cochrane, Mrs. Frank Griffin, Mrs. F. Hastings Griffin, Thomas F. Simmons, ex-M. F. H., Edgard Matthews, Martin S. Kahn, Joe Young and Sam Wilson.

Twelve minutes after moving off, our fox was started on Jeffords' Strip near Burnside. He quickly crossed up Jeffords' Meadow where he bore right handed out through Maurans' Woods. Again our pilot bore right handed through Mr.

Cochrane's to the Gradyville Road, and then headed through the Harvey Place following Ridley Creek to Mr. Sellers'. From there he crossed the creek and went up over Round Top to the right through Jeffords' sage fields. Crossing Sycamore Road and going up Ridley Creek, he bore left handed. He then streaked through the Pines and recrossed the Gradyville Road at Burnside. At this point our fox went up Hunting Hill and made a complete circuit of it coming out at the Old Burial Grounds. Next Reynard followed his nose out the Cart Road to Chestnut Sprouts. It was here that our first check occurred.

"Charles James", in the meantime, proceeded through Locust Sprouts to Ridley Creek and left to Pickering Thicket. When he came out of this Thicket and streaked through the Lipton Place, he again ran along the Cart Way and re-crossed the Gradyville Road to Jeffords' Main Driveway. Here another check occurred, but soon hounds found



Miss Janet I. Hamillburg was recently appointed Master of the Groton Hunt, Groton, Massachusetts.

the line, crossed to Tin Garages, and proceeded to Ben Eaches'. He next turned right at the Eaches' Place to the Old School House, where he advanced to Harvey Yarnalls'. A puffing Field followed into Jimmy Mullins', then into Pickering Thicket and finally out onto newly plowed ground. It being quite late in the day and several casts proving ineffective, hounds were taken up by Huntsman Millard Heller and a very tired but happy field was willing to call it a full day.

On November 25, about thirty-two children turned out for a very successful Children's Hunt. Hounds found behind Walter Jefford, Jr.'s, for a fifty-five minute run across Round Top through Ben Eaches', Tin Garages, Burnside, Hunting Hill, and Erbe Tipton's to Smedley's Orchard. After the Hunt, tea was served for the Field at the Clubhouse by the Rose Tree Riding Club.

JOINT MEETING WITH WHITELAND

Saturday, December 10th, was quite cold, and the night before had left a few inches of snow on the ground. The footing was not too good. So it was with

doubtful prospects for sport that we met at the Club for a Joint meet with the Whiteland's Hunt. Thus we were all pleasantly surprised when hounds found in the Lima Barrens, ran through the center of these Barrens, crossed the Lima Road into Tyler's Arboretum and worked up to Burnt Barns. Here scent was lost, but a second fox was found soon afterwards on Round Top. This pilot ran across Round Top, into Corney's Bottom, then out into Yarnall's Woods. From this point "Charles" ran through Yarnall's Pasture, past Tin Garages, to Burnside, and up Brown's Lane to Hunting Hill. Here a short check occurred, but hounds were soon off again. Reynard, meanwhile, had turned left into Pickering, swiftly ran through Pickering up to behind Erbe Tipton's. Here, hounds were called off and roaded back to Mr. Jefford's Blacksmith Shop.

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Although the weather did its best to mar the opening hunt scheduled for the Kennels on October 31st, the annual blessing was given by Father Kidd of St. Marys Parish of Upper Marlboro and the field of about thirty members followed the Master and hounds through several coverts without finding a line that could be worked out.

Thereafter conditions improved and we have had some of the best sport and finest runs ever enjoyed. The next hunt from the Kennels will long be remembered by all of those present. Hounds found in the large ravine on the east side of Iron Pot Field in Billingsley farm. It was soon evident that there were two pilots to contend with and the pack split, one moving north and the other south. The Huntsman, coming around to the northbound group which seemed to be checked by heavy honeysuckle, lifted these hounds over to the south line and brought them up with the main pack after about a half mile of hard riding. This fox had entered the tidal marsh and had the pack badly puzzled for a short time, but they picked it up again in the swamp and went away together up the river nearly to the Club grounds and turned south again across the high fields of Billingsley where he was viewed by a group hilltopping. Entering the swamp again he made for and ran the entire length of a large alder thicket that juts into Mt. Calvert Marsh with the whole pack in full cry right behind. Upon reaching the end of this covert opposite Pig Point he turned left and ran, in full view of the whole field, along the high bank bordering the Patuxent River with the pack about three hundred yards behind. The tide being in and the low marsh back of the bank being covered with water it appeared at times as if the fox and hounds were running on top of water. Upon reaching Green Landing Creek which was overflowing into the marsh he stopped for a second, jumping in and crossed. Coming out very wet he started again for high land with the lead hounds now running by sight. The four lead hounds hit the creek together, throwing up a great geyser of spray. After about another half mile they ran into him at the garden edge of the Billingsley tenant house. The Master presented the mask to a guest of the day,

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Marlborough

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Charles Burrus of Boncourt, Switzerland, who has promised that it shall be mounted and hung in the club of his own hunt in his country.

The Staff and members feel that the first half of the season has been excellent and all look forward to the new year with confidence.

Hunter Trials

Huntingdon Valley

CORRESPONDENT
G. L. McCORMICK

PLACE: Hollicong, Pa.

TIME: Nov. 27.

JUDGES: Jean M. Cochrane, Malcolm R. Graham, Wilbur Ross Hubbard, Alexander Mackay-Smith.

CHAMPION: Gallant Briar, D. M. Freudenthal.

RES.: Sava, Mary Oakes Skinner.

SUMMARIES

Green hunters—1. Sava, Mary Oakes Skinner; 2. Chieftain's Son, Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Paxson; 3. Flint Hill, Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Paxson.

Children's hunters—1. The Kitten, Mr. & Mrs.

through woods and fields throughout the Framingham area, divided into three runs with a timed five minute check between each run. The heavy rain which had fallen during the week did not require postponing the event the jumps being located so as not to be in mud. The going in places was very sloppy and in other places the water was up to the horse's fetlock, making it possible only to walk.

Ten teams started out at three minute intervals before a crowd of some one hundred persons over the course marked with arrows and flags. The first run started over a post and rail with a sharp left turn over the flats and up a hill into the woods with mostly post and rail fences found in the wooded trails which opened into a series of fields with stone-walls topped with riders between each field and some brush jumps in the middle of the fields. This brought the team into the first check. Upon leaving the first check the team had to walk down a hill through a swamp and start out on the shortest run of the three which, like the first, alternated between woods and fields with many turns which had to be watched for the turning markers. At the end of the run was a short hack down a tar road to the second check.

From the second check to the finish



(Hawkins Photo)

George Cole Scott (left) ex-MFH of the Deep Run Hunt and Charles Thompkins, Jr., Casanova's MFH, at the opening meet of the Casanova Hunt in Virginia.

Philip B. Hofman; 2. Irish Lad, Janice Lloyd; 3. Thorn King, Juanita B. Andre; 4. Saucey Sue, Juanita B. Andre.

Hunters, members of hunt—1. Jillette, Alex S. Armstrong; 2. Twenty Winks, Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Paxson; 3. Lady Armstrong, Mrs. Philip B. Hofman.

Children's hunter hack—1. Sava; 2. The Kitten; 3. Saucey Sue; 4. Tournament's Beau, Pat Skinner.

Ladies hunters—1. San Marco, Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Paxson; 2. Gallant Briar, D. M. Frudenthal; 3. Mike Mullen, Mrs. H. W. Slater, Jr.

Children's pair—1. Flicka, Ann Alexandre, Sand Piper, Brooke Miller; 2. Topper, Wendy Wanamaker, Irish Lad, Janice Lloyd; 3. Saucey Sue, Hickory Beau, Juanita B. Andre; 4. Flicker, Holly Biddle, Missie, Liz Holbert.

Hunters—1. Gallant Briar; 2. Flint Hill; 3. Jillette.

Hunt teams—1. Essex Fox Hounds, Judy Hoffman, Carol Hoffman.

Hunting Pace Event At Millwood Hunt Club

The Millwood Flats was the scene of the Millwood Hunt Club Hunting Pace Event on Sunday, November 13th. The course was fifteen miles in length

was a straight run through woods over post and rails on to the water line which rose up about ten feet and on the other side of which was a chicken coop which had to be jumped at a trot, like an Irish bank. Then up Millwood hill for a quar-

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The Thanksgiving Day Meet of the Traders Point Hunt—left to right: Louis Schwitzer, Gale R. Fletcher, Mrs. Burford Danner, David Moxley, Mrs. Louis Schwitzer, Jr., Burford Danner, Jack Brant, and Cornellius Alig, Sr.

How John Waller Filled His Trunk

In Which John Waller Visits a Friend and Brings an Empty Saratoga Trunk Just In Case He Should Bring Home More Than He Took With Him

John Bowditch

At that time I was living in Framingham and active in the affairs of the Brunswick Foxhound Trials at Barre, Mass. The directors had just decided they would pay the expenses of judges for the trials who came from a distance. At my suggestion, John was appointed a judge — transportation and expenses paid. He accepted and was to come and stay a day or two in Framingham before the trials.

I drove down to the station to meet him in a two wheeled cart. I greeted him on arrival, took a large suitcase from him and started for the cart. "Ho-Ho-hold on, John, d-d-don't forget my t-trunk." I went in the baggage room and there was one of the most upstanding brand new Saratoga trunks I ever saw—much too big to get in the cart; so we left it for another trip.

After lunch I took the back seat out of a democrat wagon and drove down for the trunk, left John to hold the horse, and the station master and I approached the large trunk bracing ourselves for the load. To our surprise when we lifted it, it flew in the air. It was absolutely empty. When I got to the wagon, I said, "Johnnie, what in hell did you bring an empty trunk for?"

"You n-ne-never know wh-wh-what I'll t-take home."

You will see as we go on how he filled that trunk.

At that time Quinnie Shaw and I saw a lot of each other. I told him of John being with me, what a character he was and how I wanted them to meet.

We went in the next day and had lunch with Quinnie at the old Young's Hotel.

John loved oysters and ate two dozen with his napkin put across his stomach as a preliminary to a good lunch. In the course of the meal, the fact appeared that I had secured John's appointment as a hound trial judge as much to please

me as anything — for John allowed he hadn't been on a horse for several years and that his riding clothes weren't quite up to snuff.

Quinnie was so taken with John he said he would like to present him with complete riding kit. So after lunch, we walked up Beacon Hill, John in the middle, with a big cigar really stuck in his face and accompanied by some noises from John reminiscent of the grey mule. However, in due course we arrived at F. L. Dunne's, the swell tailor in Boston at that time and I hope still.

John's being measured for breeches created a laugh that nearly disrupted the shop. With most efficient movements, gestures, and speech, tape over his shoulder, the tailor asked John to step up on a block to have his measure taken. The tailor has asked John to pull one trouser leg up over his knee. After getting the length measurement, he told John to lift up his vest so he could get the waist measure. Owing to John's stomach, he completely cut off all view below the top of his paunch as he did so.

The tailor having finished waist measures with no warning to John, who still stood frozen in the directed position, started to measure his bare leg. John was very ticklish and when he felt this operation start in on his bare leg, he

couldn't bear it. He dove through his self erected barrier about the stomach and, with a loud ejaculation and one hand on each side of his leg, drove off the intruder. We, the onlookers, laughed so we could hardly go on. But, with the barrier removed and John able to see what was going on, the tailor was able to complete his measurements.

Two days later we were all at the Barre Hotel, Barre, Mass., the night before the Derby Stake for puppies. John had never before been in a real New England hotel where, soon after being seated at table, a bustling waitress comes and recites the bill of fare in your ear. Margaret, a buxom lass in spectacles, went to John and said quite rapidly, "Bean soup, roast beef, lamb chops, ham and eggs, vegetables, salad, two kinds of pie." John listened carefully and when she had finished, said, "A-a-and some cake please, miss."

One of the hound owners in the All Age Stake was a fur dealer from upstate New York. He had hung on the wall a rug with thirty red fox skins in it. They were beautiful skins and took John's eye.

The fur man like everyone else at the trials fell for John, hung on his words and was with him all he could be. He talked to John about the hares they had up in his country.

This was news to John, but after a day or so, John got so hare minded he thought of a hound he had at home that wouldn't run anything but rabbits, much to John's distress. So after the second day John opened on the fur man about the hare dog he had. By the third day the fur man was trying hard to get John's dog. It ended by John trading his hound, sight unseen, for the rug. It fitted nicely on top of the riding clothes, and filled the trunk.

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Straightness

The Forelegs Are The Most Important Of The Mechanism That Is The Hound

C. R. Acton

Recently an authority put forward the suggestion that it was impossible to breed hounds with good necks and shoulders if the hound had not straight legs. My own view is that too much stress has been laid in the past by many judges of foxhounds on the necessity for straightness in the forelegs. Indeed, with many judges it has become quite a fetish. I have known a judge to concentrate purely upon straightness. I have known one to turn a hound out of the ring because "I caught him not plumb straight for a second."

The forelegs are, of course, a most important part of the mechanism that is the hound. They propel more weight than do the hind legs and, if a horse or a hound is weighed, it will be discovered that the forehead takes more than one half of the body weight.

As there seems to be considerable misconception on this point, even amongst some Hunt servants and Veterinary Surgeons, it might be of interest for me to relate that a statement by me on the subject was formerly challenged in the correspondence columns of a sporting journal, and the counter suggestion made that it was the hind legs that were responsible for the propelling of the majority of a hound's weight. I submitted the point to the Royal Veterinary College, and Professor Miller decided it in my favor. I was basing my assertions upon the views of Lupton, who discovered that the largest share of propelling the weight of a galloping horse was borne by the front legs. He was, at first, disbelieved, but instantaneous photography assisted in proving him to be right, both as regards the locomotion of horses and of hounds.

The position of the head affects the weight on the legs. When the head is up the forelegs have appreciably less weight to carry. However, when a hound works, its head is down, with a resultant throwing of extra weight upon the forelegs. A hound usually shows more signs of wear and tear in its forelegs than in its hind legs, and this is due to the fact that the former, being the nearer to the centre of gravity, bear the larger share of weight and act as the chief propellers of the body.

How important those forelegs are! But so far from making a fetish of their being plumb straight, I would say that the prime necessity is for the hound to be in line at the knees and elbows. Many a hound, admired for standing plumb straight, is out at the elbows, and that is a fault, whether in the field or on the flags! If the hound is in line at the knees and elbows it matters little if he is "crooked" for he will be crooked where it does not harm.

In Mr. "Ikey" Bell's delightful book, "A Huntsman's Log Book," he speaks of the late Sir Edward Currie's hounds as "many far from straight. All the same they had about them a varmynt look, with noticeably good shoulders and loins." I have inserted the bold face, as this goes far to prove that, to have good shoulders, the hound need not be plumb straight. All Sir Edward Currie's hounds were, however, in line at the knees and elbows. The Berkeley have never made

a fetish of straightness, in fact, some years ago one could find very few really straight hounds in the pack, but they were all right where it really mattered, just as were Sir Edward Currie's.

And I have seen a crooked hound win the doghound Championship at Peterborough. Again he was in line at the knees and elbows, but he was undoubtedly "crooked". His huntsman kept walking him round and round, and so graceful was his movement that he was certainly not out at the elbows. That hound was a first class dog in the field, hunted up to his seventh or eighth season, was a most successful stallion hound and, as I have said, a Peterborough champion — and he was crooked!

A slight tendency to crookedness where it does not matter is not likely to become accentuated by heredity. Many

must have been considerably more." By the end of twenty years, practically every hound in Lord Henry Bentinck's pack was descended from her and when one considers that many a kennel is bred back to a hound, or hounds, of Bentinck's ancestry, the influence of that "very crooked" little bitch becomes incalculable.

Hunter Pace Event

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ter mile, at the bottom of which was a good size stonewall and rider with a sharp left over a brook, then a right. The team was into the home stretch over another chicken coop and a brush jump to the finish line.

Oddly enough when the committee came to figure the average time for the course there was a tie for first place with each team being five seconds fast of the average. They were Louis McMillen and his son Otto and Wesley Durant, Jr. and Norman L'Heureux. The first team out, Harry R. Fruehauf, Jr. and Thomas Maguire, got lost by cutting an arrow thus failing to show up at the first check.

Mr. McMillen and Mr. Durant flipped a coin to see who would take the first



(Hawkins Photo)

Joint-Masters of the Old Dominion Hunt Albert Hinckley and W. L. Rochester leaving Henchmans Lea on the occasion of the opening meet of the season.

well known stallion hounds and brood bitches have been crooked, without any detrimental effects upon the breed of the foxhound. The classic example of the importance of a bitch, is Lord Ducie's Crazy 1840, who might be described as a female Brocklesby Rallywood. Crazy, by Mr. Wickstead's Harlequin out of his Crazy, figures among the three couples that Lord Henry Bentinck described as having bred his pack. Crazy was described by Lord Henry as "too hard a runner at two years old; settled down and ran a capital bitch until eight years old; very crooked." She bred six litters and, from 1844 to 1862, Lord Charles Bentinck traces the descendants in his invaluable work "Lord Henry Bentinck's Foxhounds," no fewer than thirty seven stallion hounds and one hundred and five brood bitches being descended from her. Lord Charles adds: I have not included in the numbers any dog not used at home as a stallion hound, nor any bitch not used as a brood bitch, so that the number of her actual descendants

place trophy and who the second. Mr. Durant lost the toss, but the event was agreed to be called a tie by the committee.

The results with the times either fast or slow for the 96 minutes and 14 seconds are as follows:

1. Louis McMillen and son Otto, 5 sec. fast; (tied with) 2. Wesley Durant, Jr. and Norman L'Heureux, 5 sec. fast; 3. Sarah Caldwell and Lanie Anderson (junior) 1 m. 15 sec. fast; 4. Harriet Thayer and Charlie Colline, 1 m. 32 sec. slow; 5. Mrs. Raymond C. Gordan and Mrs. Thomas D. Cabot, 1 m. 59 sec. fast; 6. Mrs. Gardiner H. Fiske, Mrs. Winthrop Pyemont and Mr. Winthrop Pyemont, 2 m. 10 sec. slow; 7. Mrs. Stephen R. Casey and son Randy, 3 m. 40 sec. slow; 8. Miss Elizabeth J. Wilder and Miss Jane Lawton, 3 m. 52 sec. fast; 9. Harry R. Fruehauf, Jr. and Thomas Maguire got lost but finished, no time; 10. Mrs. William Wright and Mrs. Gilbert Laurence got lost but finished, no time.



HORSE SHOWS

A.H.S.A. Division High Score Awards For 1955

Regular Conformation Hunters

1. Count To Ten, Paul Jones.
2. Waiting Home, Peggy Augustus.
3. Spanish Mint, Mrs. J. D. Rucker.
4. Jazz Session, Mrs. Morton W. Smith.
5. Sailor's Wench, Mrs. Hugh Barclay.
6. Sun Dial, D. W. Winkelman.

Green Conformation Hunters

1. Shannondale, Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Smith.
2. Pincushion, W. J. Brewster.
3. The Duke of Paconian, John S. Pettibone.
4. Triple Shot, Mrs. G. J. Graham.
5. Besiege, Peggy Augustus.
6. Eden Roc, Mrs. Sallie J. Sexton.

Regular Working Hunters

1. Kimberling, Mrs. Mabel Pew Myrin.
2. Naute Mia, Saxon Woods Farm.
3. Tourists Encore, Miriam Duffy.
4. Apt Pupil, Paul Jones.
5. Cottage Den, Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Biddle, Jr.
6. Red Bird, August A. Busch, Jr.

Green Working Hunters

1. Kimberton Vike, Mrs. Mabel Pew Myrin.
2. Little Sombrero, W. J. Brewster.
3. Guardsman, Morton W. Smith.
4. War Bride, Mrs. Frank Craig.
5. Double Trouble, Ralph Petersen.
6. Erin's Star, Marjorie Weisenberger.

Jumpers

1. Bedford, Irl A. Daffin.
2. Balkos Edge, Mrs. Hugh Barclay.
3. Douglaston, Mrs. Hugh Barclay.
4. Velvet Lassie, Mrs. H. R. Thomas.
5. Riviera KoKo, Bernie Mann.
6. Royal Guard, Saxon Woods Farm.

Hunter Ponies

1. Smokey Joe, Elise & Billy Boyce III.
2. Pinocchio, Richard Zimmerman.
3. Nutcracker, Richard Zimmerman.
4. Johnny Cake, Mrs. Gregory McIntosh.
5. Northlite, Martha Sterbak.
6. Pretty Penny, C. Paruell Gore.

Arabian Horses

1. Haj Amin, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Buckley.
2. King Faydene, Archie E. Holt.
3. Al Marah Ralla, Mrs. R. M. Tankersley.
4. Al Marah El Hezzes, Mrs. R. M. Tankersley.
5. Aratez, Mrs. R. M. Tankersley.
6. Skorage, Edwin J. Tweed.

Morgan Horses

1. Wincrest Dona Lee, Mrs. A. S. Kelley.
2. Supersam, Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Orcutt, Jr.
3. Ruthven's Nancy Ann, Mrs. A. W. & Miss Salle Richards.
4. Deerfield Challenger, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Tompkins.
5. Windcrest Sentimental Lady, Waseeka Farm.
6. Sterling Velvet, Waseeka Farm.

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American Horse Shows Association

Highlights From The 1955 Report Of The President, Adrian Van Sinderen

THE PROMOTION OF BETTER HORSE SHOWS

I should like to dwell upon the promotion of attendance, basing my remarks upon the reports of some 300 Stewards for 1955. At only 16% of the shows was the attendance reported as excellent. At 43%, or almost half of our shows, the attendance was reported as from fair to poor. 44% of all shows, or almost half, run late and experience delays which are obviously unnecessary. The following reasons for these delays are cited:

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| Slow jump crews | 44% |
| Waiting for exhibitors to enter the ring | 15% |
| Inclement weather | 11% |
| Only one gate to the ring instead of one for entrance and one for exit | 23% |
| Poor lighting | 25% |
| Too many classes to a session | 30% |

Most of these faults can be corrected. An announcer whose microphone reaches not only the ring, but also the stables, can speed up a show. The jump crews should have a competent leader who should have in hand a chart for each course. If a pre-show rehearsal of the jump crew can be arranged, it will help.

Again I remind you that after a certain length of time the seats get hard and the spectators become restless. Unfortunately the trend, especially in the north-eastern states, is toward more and more classes. The average number of classes for one day shows, by areas, is as follows. West 18; Midwest 21; South 22; East 26. In 1955, the average two day show offered classes as follows: West 29; Midwest 41; South 45; East 58.

Another method of attracting public interest which too many of our shows fail to use is an adequate organization. The successful shows use a different technique. They have discovered that there is no better way to enlist the cooperation of people than to let them see their names in print. Furthermore, this diversification of responsibility increases the number of those who are actively interested in the show and it results also in more attention being given to the activities outside the show ring. As one steward wrote: "This show had a lot of Chiefs but not enough Indians." Get a lot of Indians who can whoop up your fixture.

Another excellent idea is to associate your show with a good charity to which you donate the net profit. Feature its officers, directors and committees on a page in the catalogue and ask them to sell show tickets for their own benefit. This plan works.

Finally, a good act in the ring helps to diversify the entertainment, liven up the show and attract a bigger audience.

REVIEW

In 1954 we had 298 Recognized Shows, in 1955 the number rose to 316. Our Individual Members in 1954 aggregated 3,794 and in 1955, 3,932. I am happy to report that our increase evidences a nationwide, not a localized trend.

Despite the rise in all costs we have made no increases in the schedule of dues for eight years. The Directors have voted to increase show dues for 1956 as follows: \$5 for Local Shows, \$25 in each of the respective premium categories up to \$10,000; and heavier increases for shows offering premiums above that.

RULES

Important amendments to our rules include additional regulations with regard to Judges, a rewording of the amateur rule, the introduction of classes in advanced equitation for the benefit of the United States Equestrian Team, many changes in Division rules, amendment of the procedure of the Enforcement Committee, amendment in the rule regarding the recording of horses, amendments concerning the holding of forums in the various zones.

In the 20 years which I have been privileged to occupy this office we have never encountered as much poor conduct in the show rings as has been reported and dealt with in 1955. I know that you agree with me that the exhibitor who assaults a judge is not a person we want in the show ring. We all revolt against the man who will cruelly beat a defenseless animal. I assure you that in 1956 your Enforcement Committee will hand out penalties for physical assault which they believe will rid us of this type of violation. To implement their authority a statement has been added to the entry blank which each exhibitor must sign.

FORUMS

In the past two years eight of our ten zones have held public forums for the discussion of horse show problems. Over 1,000 persons, from all parts of the United States, have attended these meetings, and many changes in Association rules have resulted from the suggestions made.

HIGH SCORE AWARDS

70% of all qualified shows contributed to the final scores of the winning exhibitors of 1955. It behoves show management to consider the desirability of increasing their classifications in order to attract exhibitors.

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A.H.S.A. Awards

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Parade Horses

1. Belvedere's Golden Glory, Lyle H. Cobb.
2. Northern Chief, Clyde K. Carter.
3. Palamar, Mrs. Rae Jones.
4. King Carpenter, Mrs. A. S. Kelley.
5. Sun O'Ala, Alger A. Mowrey.
6. Pot O'Gold's Lord Highland, Walter E. Schott, Jr.

Stock Horses

1. Red Hawk, Olwen Beach.
2. Henny Penny Peake, Olwen Beach.
3. Monique, Mrs. Don Dodge.
4. Comet Bailey, Henry Greenwell.
5. Golden Bumper, Lyn Combs.
6. Cactus, Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Deller.

Trail Horses

1. Mucho Bueno, R. H. Gibson.
2. Tactful Jones, Mrs. Colin L. Campbell.
3. Chuck Wagon, Frank M. Laswell.
4. Lady Carrot, Jerry English.
5. J. C. Black Toppy, Leonard J. Crabtree.
6. Danger Girl, R. H. Gibson.

AHSA Medal Class, Hunting Seat

Champion: Wilson Dennehy.
Res. Champion: Sara Ann Cavanagh.

USET Equitation Medal Class

Champion: Wilson Dennehy.
Res. Champion: Carol Hofmann.

Annual Awards Given At Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Assn. Dinner

Several breeders were double winners of the annual awards presented by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association, Inc., at a dinner meeting Dec. 9 in the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. David Longmaid won top awards for Other than Thoroughbred broodmares, with their Fancy, and Other than Thoroughbred weanlings, with Tardy.

Mrs. J. Austin duPont's Liseter Shooting Star was tops in the Welsh pony breeding, and her Silver Mane's Ace Cody won top award for Shetland pony breeding.

Two awards won by Richard K. Mellon were for Thoroughbred yearlings with Firth, and Thoroughbred three-year-olds, with Kingussie.

Mrs. J. M. Dovey took the hunter pony award with See Bee, and the Thoroughbred two-year-old award with Reform.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Robinson, Jr., also were double winners for their unnamed Thoroughbred weanling, and their Other than Thoroughbred three-year-old April Mist, which tied for the honor with E. C. Bothwell's Niobe.

The top Other than Thoroughbred yearling was Charles B. Lyman, Jr.'s Maui Blue, grandson of that amazing mare, Maui Girl, who dropped her first foal at the ripe old age of 22 years, after a distinguished career in the hunting field and show ring.

Kimberling, owned by H. A. Myrin, again was top working hunter. He is the only horse ever to have won the ASHA title three times, and it is understood he is in line for it again this year.

Other winners:

Conformation hunter: Red Chester, William H. Hanley; Green hunter: Steady Friar, W. C. Robinson, Jr.; Open jumper: Cassadol, Miss M. Phyllis Lose; Junior hunter: June Bride, Miss Betsy Lockhart; Crossbred pony breeding: Storm Peak, Mr. and Mrs. David Dallas

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The speakers Table on the occasion of the Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show Association dinner and dance at Wicomico Hotel. Seated left to right are: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lowe; Mrs. Hamilton P. Fox, Jr.; Hamilton P. Fox, Jr. master of ceremonies; Claude W. Owen, guest speaker; Mrs. Claude W. Owen; and Mrs. William Shawen.

A.H.S.A. Report

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JUDGES

The Directors feel that the roster of Judges should offer maximum assistance to management and to that end have voted to add a numeral opposite each Registered Judge's name, to indicate the number of times that the individual has officiated, at Recognized shows only, in the past three years.

STEWARDS

The Steward's office is to be of service to exhibitors in the matters of the enforcement of the rules, the correct measurement of ponies, the correct height of fences, the holding of amateur cards by those who enter amateur classes, and other prescribed routines. Another important duty of the Steward is to fill out and return to our office a printed form which analyzes the show's procedures.

I would like to dwell for a moment upon these confidential statements, which tell us of the physical facilities, the conduct, the personnel, the catalogues, the attendance at our Recognized Shows. From them we learn whether the management observed the rules. We are informed about the entrance gates to the ring, the cleanliness of the stables and rest rooms, the jumps, the Judges' cards, the presence or absence of ambulance, fire protection and water cart. Cruelty to a horse or other violation is reported; also the number of AHSA Medal classes offered. The form tells us whether the show was run off promptly and cites the causes of delays, if any, such as bad weather, entries not ready, inefficient jump crews or too many classes per session. We have a record as to the presence or not of a veterinarian, a blacksmith and other personnel who have duties in connection with the show's operation. Faults and omissions in the catalogue are listed. We are particularly interested to learn about the attendance, whether excellent, good, fair or poor. From these forms one recognizes that a show was in every way an excellent fixture or sometimes discovers that it was quite the opposite.

MEMBERSHIP

I urge upon each of you here, and upon every member not present, the necessity of increasing both show and individual membership. I ask each of you to add at least one member to our list in 1956.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I wish to pay high tribute to our fine staff in the office and in particular to the untiring and whole-hearted labors of Mr. Theodore E. Buell who devotes himself with singleness of purpose to serving the Association and its members. Your attention is invited to his analysis of 225 AHSA shows, comparing 1954 and 1955 as to classes, entries, and premiums. If we compare this year's figures with 1952 we discover there is an increase of 9.5% in the total number of classes offered but an increase of only 5.7% in the premiums. The Arab, Morgan, Shetland and Parade Divisions are markedly up. The Arab owners now have 29 Regional Associations engaged in popularizing this breed and they give financial support to shows in return for the scheduling of Arabian classes. As a result these classes have increased 300%. We now have 12 all Arabian shows in our organization; more than 50 other Recognized Shows offered Arabian classes in 1955. There has been a corresponding increase in the Shetland Division. The Morgan Horse classes reflect a 61% increase and 225% increase in entries. Parade horse entries are up 132%. A decrease in conformation hunter classes reflects a lessening of interest in these events.

Annual Awards Given

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Odell; Thoroughbred broodmare: Miss Mirth, Miss Ann M. Kelly; Other than Thoroughbred two-year-old: Dragnet, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Winchell.

The awards were presented by John J. Burkholder, horse show chairman.

Mrs. Henry Stringer, Vice-President of the Association, presided, and Henry Cadwallader introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. George P. Greenhalgh, who stressed the importance of conformation in the breeding of racehorses, saying that with conformation goes soundness.

SUMMARIES

Conformation Hunter: Red Chester, William H. Hanley.

Working Hunter: Kimberling, H. A. W. Myrin.

Green Hunter: Steady Friar, W. C. Robinson, Jr.

Open Jumper: Cassadol, M. Phyllis Lose.

Hunter Pony: See Bee, Mrs. J. M. Dovey.

Junior Hunter: June Bride, Betsy Lockhart.

Welsh Pony Breeding: Liseter Shooting Star, Mrs. J. Austin duPont.

Shetland Pony Breeding: Silver Mane's Ace Cody, Mrs. J. Austin duPont.

Crossbred Pony Breeding: Storm Peak, Mr. and Mrs. David Dallas Odell.

Thoroughbred Broodmare: Miss Mirth, Ann M. Kelly.

Other than Thoroughbred Broodmare: Fancy, Mr. and Mrs. David Dallas Odell.

Thoroughbred Weanling: Unnamed, Mr. and Mrs. James K. Robinson, Jr.

Other than Thoroughbred Weanling: Tardy, Mr. and Mrs. David Longmaid.

Thoroughbred Yearling: Firth, Richard K. Mellon.

Other than Thoroughbred Yearling: Maui Blue, Charles B. Lyman, Jr.

Thoroughbred Two-Year-Old: Reform, Mrs. J. M. Dovey.

Other than Thoroughbred Two-Year-Old: Dragnet, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Winchell.

Thoroughbred Three-Year-Old: Kingussie, Richard K. Mellon.

Other than Thoroughbred Three-Year-Old: (tied) April Mist, Mr. and Mrs. James K. Robinson, Jr.; and Niobe, E. C. Bothwell.

Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show Assn. Holds Dinner at Salisbury

Kelvin Adkins

One hundred and fifty horse show enthusiasts attended a dinner and dance on Nov. 26 at the Wicomico Hotel, Salisbury, Md.

It was held in honor of the champion showmen of the Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show Association.

Claude W. Owen of Washington D. C. was the guest speaker. He told about his fox hunting trip abroad. Mr. Owen has done extensive traveling here in the United States, fox hunting and showing horses. He has exhibited his horses in top shows, including the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden.

Silver trophies and \$950 were presented to the 10 grand champions of the Eastern Shore shows. Ribbons were given to exhibitors who had mounts to place up to fourth place.

Trophies were presented by Mrs. William Shaven of Crisfield, Md., secretary-treasurer of the association. Hamilton P. Fox, Jr., of Salisbury was master of ceremonies.

The champions listing horses, points, and owners for various divisions are as follows:

Champion Entire Pony Div.: Northlite, 96, Martha Sterbak.

Champion Small Pony Division: Miles River Limelight, 75, William Boyce.

Res.: Surprise, 73, Nancy Lee Cobourn.

Champion Large Pony Div.: Northlite, 96, Martha Sterbak.

Res.: Frosty Morn, 43, Mrs. Robert Huntman.

Champion Green Hunter Div.: Muscovado, Continued On Page 18

ANALYSIS OF CATALOGUES

225 A.H.S.A. SHOWS — 1954-1955

| | SHOWS | | CLASSES | | ENTRIES | | PREMIUMS | |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| | '54 | '55 | '54 | '55 | '54 | '55 | '54 | '55 |
| Arabian | 49 | 67 | 264 | 419 | 2,908 | 4,218 | \$ 21,010 | \$ 40,266 |
| Ponies: | | | | | | | | |
| Hackney | 55 | 71 | 351 | 362 | 2,402 | 2,563 | 70,315 | 70,946 |
| Harness | | | | | | | | |
| (Mane & Tail) .. | — | 35 | — | 167 | — | 1,054 | — | 39,679 |
| Shetland | 27 | 44 | 93 | 164 | 826 | 1,075 | 8,915 | 16,733 |
| Hunters: | | | | | | | | |
| Reg. Conf. | 128 | 115 | 693 | 615 | 8,143 | 7,635 | 80,420 | 76,814 |
| Green Conf. | 60 | 73 | 239 | 257 | 2,842 | 3,254 | 21,955 | 24,694 |
| Reg. Working | 180 | 164 | 1,034 | 1,009 | 13,457 | 15,227 | 80,735 | 78,604 |
| Green Working | 60 | 73 | 207 | 254 | 3,401 | 3,872 | 15,307 | 19,758 |
| Young | 19 | 14 | 34 | 25 | 412 | 266 | 2,046 | 2,001 |
| Pony | 39 | 41 | 197 | 266 | 2,673 | 3,540 | 6,237 | 8,823 |
| Jumpers | 207 | 188 | 1,058 | 984 | 14,819 | 15,278 | 129,728 | 129,892 |
| Junior Classes: | | | | | | | | |
| Saddle Equit. | 220 | { 140 164 66 } | 1,446 | { 507 687 154 } | 18,956 | { 6,673 10,852 2,439 } | 685 | { 385 — — } |
| Hunter Equit. | | | | | | | | |
| Stock Equit. | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 189 | 203 | 945 | 1,247 | 14,758 | 16,603 | 13,707 | 22,201 |
| Morgan | 23 | 24 | 106 | 108 | 855 | 1,090 | 3,295 | 4,589 |
| Palomino | 42 | 40 | 73 | 62 | 595 | 436 | 5,918 | 4,263 |
| Parade | 109 | 107 | 180 | 210 | 1,445 | 1,617 | 28,057 | 31,094 |
| Pleasure English | 138 | 137 | 327 | 276 | 3,950 | 3,244 | 4,788 | 5,762 |
| Polo | 10 | 9 | 26 | 16 | 177 | 115 | 4,775 | 2,850 |
| Roadster | 69 | 73 | 306 | 303 | 1,675 | 1,914 | 68,475 | 66,936 |
| Saddle: | | | | | | | | |
| 3-Gaited | 149 | 141 | 777 | 748 | 6,742 | 6,883 | 142,506 | 145,440 |
| 5-Gaited | 120 | 131 | 698 | 701 | 5,866 | 5,997 | 184,683 | 185,885 |
| Fine Harness | 104 | 109 | 451 | 439 | 2,956 | 2,977 | 103,825 | 104,212 |
| Pony | 42 | 51 | 122 | 135 | 922 | 938 | 16,302 | 17,994 |
| Walking | 81 | 93 | 367 | 438 | 3,002 | 3,438 | 75,594 | 85,992 |
| Western: | | | | | | | | |
| Stock | 141 | { 68 51 79 } | 481 | { 152 72 234 } | 6,163 | { 1,783 1,135 3,403 } | 52,204 | { 23,205 5,815 19,651 } |
| Trail | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | | |
| Breeding: | | | | | | | | |
| Saddle | 29 | 24 | 101 | 129 | 646 | 678 | 16,162 | 31,125 |
| Thoroughbred | 31 | 27 | 158 | 136 | 1,021 | 869 | 3,901 | 3,736 |
| Other | 48 | 49 | 360 | 507 | 3,271 | 4,033 | 14,119 | 24,094 |
| Miscellaneous* | — | — | 299 | 137 | 2,593 | 1,445 | 53,983 | 18,515 |
| | 11,393 | 11,940 | 127,476 | 136,544 | \$1,229,647 | \$1,311,954 | | |

*Includes heavy harness and draft horses, harness show ponies, roadster, fine harness and walking ponies, junior FEI and dressage, pony fancy turnout, mule and mounted police classes.



The champions—left to right, Mrs. Roland Koehler, owner of the green hunter champion Muscovado; Miss Martha Sterbak, owner of Northlite, champion pony; and Mrs. Peggy Galloway, who showed the champion jumper Rusty.



The Birthday Pony

Donald G. Tripp

Six years ago when our daughter was not yet three, I was impatient to get her a pony. We lived in the city at the time but owned a nonproductive farm some forty miles away where we spent our weekends and the hot summer months. My wife wasn't much interested in a pony and the daughter was too young to know.

I began my search for a pony by watching the classified advertisements in the city papers and attending the local horse auctions on cold winter evenings with an odd assortment of people. There were factory workers and white collar workers, all with a yen to be cowboys, and a lot of people there only for a little free entertainment. The biggest buyers of horses were the men from the slaughter houses. (makers of dog food and fox food) The horses were mostly poor specimens and virtually no ponies were brought in for sale. My purchases consisted of some useless items of saddlery and harness.

I consulted a lot of people about where to buy a reliable pony. Most of them had no better idea than I. Finally I was told of a man who operated a farm sixty or seventy miles from the city where he had a number of ponies.

A short time later I made a business trip to the State Capitol and had an opportunity to visit the pony farm. It was well after dark when I reached the farm after taking care of my business. The pony raiser turned out to be a substantial farmer and business man, who kept a number of grade Shetlands and two small Hackney ponies because he was fond of the little horses. Unfortunately his health was failing; his children had grown and his pony herd had increased to a point where some must be sold.

There were half a dozen small Shetlands running loose in a large barn. Most were youngsters, one or two years old, that had never been broken. However, they were all apparently gentle and friendly. They ranged in color from pure black to almost white. I would have made a mistake and bought a two year old colt had not the farmer steered me to a six year old mare. She was jet black and, of course, her name was Beauty. Her hair was long and matted. Her hoofs had grown to a point that one front foot was turned over on the side. But she was fat, friendly, quiet and appeared sound. She measured forty-two inches to her chunky withers. I was completely sold on Beauty.

Next came the question of transportation from the seller's place to our farm eighty miles away. My farmer host suggested that Beauty would go along with me in the back seat of my car. He said he transported ponies in his Cadillac. Somehow I knew he told the truth and that to him it was not unnatural to invite one of his little friends in the car with him. But I declined and made arrangements to have Beauty transported by farm truck on the next trip out our way.

Beauty rode the eighty miles to our farm about a week later on a cold winter day, standing unprotected on the flat bed truck. The sides of the truck were no more than twelve inches high and she was fastened only by a halter rope. She balanced herself nicely over the rough road in spite of the poor shape of her feet.

Needless to say, our daughter wasn't much impressed on her third birthday in January that year to receive a pony that would be stabled forty miles from her home in the city. Later we moved to the farm to stay and each year thereafter Beauty became more appreciated.

The little mare is now twelve, in the prime of life for a Shetland. During the past six years she has gone well under saddle, if kept in practice, but her real success has been in harness. Shortly after she came to the farm, I purchased a two wheel jogging cart from a carriage builder in Indiana. A friend gave me a pony harness. Since then we have driven hundreds of miles on these beautiful country roads. Beauty easily goes ten to twelve miles on a Sunday afternoon or half that distance on a long summer evening. She trots easily and proudly carrying me and my daughter in our brightly painted cart. My daughter, now nine, has learned to drive quite expertly. She is considerate of the pony and handles the reins with a feather-like touch.

We know our neighbors better and an air of friendliness exists because there is always the time and the excuse to stop and visit when riding behind a small

black pony. Everyone, child and adult alike, is fond of Beauty. She has served as a children's mount in two summer camps. A neighbor borrowed the pony and rig to entertain the children at a large family reunion. People who have wanted to get a pony for their children have, I believe, been encouraged to do so by our experience. The added interest in children's ponies in our community has resulted in pony classes at the horse shows sponsored by the local Hunt.

We have a fine three year old colt out of Beauty and sired by a half-Arab. Tommy, the pony colt is enough larger than Beauty to make a good second pony. He shows much of the Arab quality, but still is docile like his mother. He may even make a hunter for some youngster someday.

Beauty has twice now won a blue ribbon in the pony mare class at the local show. She took fourth in the children's pony class this year at the Hunter-Breeder show. We are hoping that next year the Committee can be prevailed upon to split the children's pony class into two divisions, one riding and one driving so that Beauty, and incidentally the daughter, can really show their stuff. There could be enough rigs by then to make a class. I have recently heard of several in the vicinity that are being gotten ready for Spring.

I am sure, however, that the fond parent who gets his child a pony will enjoy it most if he can join in the fun himself either riding or driving; being a companion to his youngster in this great out-of-doors; and getting the satisfaction and contentment of real country living.

Eastern Shore Dinner

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- do, 42, Mrs. Roland F. Koehler.
 Res.: Golden Venture, 33, Louise Gilham.
 Champion Hunter Div.: Catch Me, 96, Martha Sterbak.
 Res.: Bon Bon, 77, Mrs. Fred J. Hughes, Jr.
 Champion Jumper Div.: Rusty, 92, Charles E. Skipper.
 Res.: Donniebrook, 84, Doris E. Spradlin.



One of the maneuvers performed by the Chilean Mounted Troop featured at the recent Cow Palace Horse Show in San Francisco, California.



Miss Ann Hargreaves, on this year's Royal Champion Hunter, GLIMMER.

Pony Club Member Shows New Zealand's 1955 Royal Champion Hunter

Joyce Wellwood

The Royal Show, which alternates between the North and South Island of New Zealand, was held this year at Christchurch, South Island, in the same week as was decided the winner of the Dominion's premier flat-racing award, the New Zealand Cup.

This year's Royal Champion Hunter, however, is also travelling up to the North Island for the two New Zealand Horse Society Shows in January. This Society is responsible for the introduction of jumping judged under F. E. I. rules in New Zealand. The Agricultural and Pastoral Society Shows, on the other hand, sponsor the "round the ring" type of jumping which has been in vogue since the inception of agricultural shows in the Dominion, some ninety years ago.

Not many horses are outstandingly successful in both these types of jumping, the former catering for twisty close fences, the latter for spaced open jumping. This year's Royal Champion Hunter is veritably a Champion as she carried off Championships in both types. The A. & P. Shows are now cooperating with the N. Z. H. S. (affiliated to the British Horse Society) by including in their programmes one or two events judged under F. E. I. rules.

Glimmer, this season's Royal Champion Hunter not only won that award, but won the Open F. E. I. Jump as well. Owned and ridden by teen-ager, Miss Ann Hargreaves of Geraldine, South Island, Glimmer is a six-year-old liver chestnut Thoroughbred mare, with a white blaze, and stands 16.2 hands. She is by Malibu (imp.) out of Lady Wakeful, who traces back to good hurdling blood.

This is the mare's second show-season; at thirteen shows she has won seven Championships, including the Royal, and also has won three Reserves. At the Royal, Ann and Glimmer won six cups — three for Champion Hunter; one for the Open F. E. I. Jump; one for Qualified Hunter (a trophy donated by officers of "H. M. S. Renown", in 1923;) and one for winning the Wire Jump.

In New Zealand, followers of the hunt take it as a matter of course to jump wire fences. Australians, who, in general,

do not hunt to a great extent — in New South Wales there is no hunting — consider the New Zealanders' jumping of wire an oddity closely allied to foolhardiness or even stupidity. Yet never has there been reported a case of serious accident when jumping wire. At the A. & P. Shows there is always a class, known as the Wire Jump — a temporary five-wired fence stretched between posts about eight to ten yards apart. At the Royal there were forty-six entries.

Miss Ann Hargreaves has acted as Whipper-in for the last two seasons for

the South Canterbury Hunt, on her mount, Glimmer. This past winter she passed her "A" Pony Club certificate, and is thus of great help to her local Pony Club branch.

The year of the Royal Visit to New Zealand Ann's pony, Flame won the Royal Champion Pony award, and her champion ribbon was tied on by Her Majesty, the Queen.

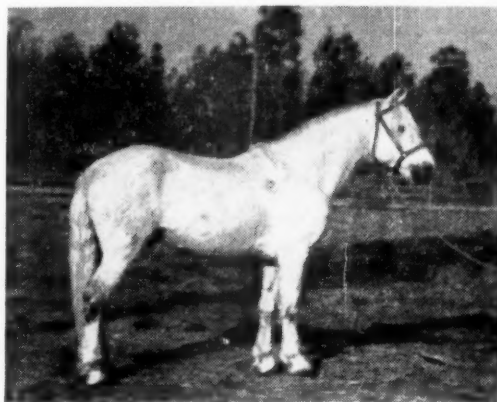
There are not many twenty-year-olds who can claim both a Royal Champion Pony and a Royal Champion Hunter award.

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WATCHUNG TROOP ACTIVITIES

The 21st Annual Watchung Troops Horse Show held Saturday, Oct. 15, and Sunday Oct. 23, at Summit, New Jersey, was very successful in spite of the heavy rains, which necessitated postponing the show for one week. The Senior Troop Championship Guidon was awarded to Troop #3, and the Junior Troop Championship Guidon to Troop 9. The Senior Horsemanship Championship was won by Major Claire Aurnhammer of Troop 3, with Reserve to 1/Cl. Tr. Susan Roe of Troop 3. The Junior Horsemanship was won by T. Evan Maurer of Troop 5, with Reserve to Tr. Nancy Piercy of Troop 9.

In the Watchung Girls Troop Report, the Efficiency Guidon was awarded to Troop 3, the highest individual point scorers for the 1955 Autumn Season being Claire Aurnhammer, Virginia Giardiello, and Susan Poe. In Troop 1, the high scorers were Bette Heilman, Carole Seibert, and Kay Seibert.



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At Stud at

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Southern Pines, N. C.

Masters of Equitation The Neapolitan School

W. Sidney Felton

How should we define "School Riding"? I suggest that the essential characteristic of School Riding is that it is riding carried on in an enclosure of moderate size for the purpose of schooling a horse and rider in accordance with an accepted system of training. And since in all the classical riding schools one of the important aims has been to secure a considerable and sometimes an extreme degree of collection, we ordinarily associate school riding with collection. Of this subject, more later. Taking for the moment only the simple definition as suggested above, I think we can still say that we have no record of "School Riding" anywhere at any time prior to the early part of the sixteenth century.

The two previous articles of this series have told some of the things we know about the use of the horse during the four thousand years up to 1500 A. D. Suddenly, starting approximately about 1520, there sprang up in Italy a method of schooling different from anything of which we have any previous record. And because it was most active in and around Naples, it customarily is referred to as the Neapolitan School.

The founder of the school was one Cesar Fiaschi, who fortunately wrote a book on equitation. From this we learn that he taught circles at the walk, trot and canter, the slow collected canter and at least some of the high school airs. Pignatelli studied under Fiaschi and then himself founded a school which was to become one of the most famous. Frederic Grison contributed to the development of the methods of the Neapolitan School, particularly as regards the use of the leg, and wrote a book entitled "L'Ecurie de Sieur Grison" which had wide acceptance. (Leonardo DeVinci, himself an enthusiastic and apparently a skillful horseman, had some years earlier written a treatise on the "Proportions of a Horse", and originated the "hand" as the unit of measurement for a horse's height.)

The Neapolitan School was given prompt and enthusiastic acclaim throughout Europe. Horsemen, both amateur and professional, came to Italy to study, and Italian horsemen and many of their horses were brought to other countries to exhibit their skills and to introduce their methods. De La Broue, who was to become the founder of the French School (the subject of our next article) and dePluvinel, best known for his book "Le Manege Royale ou L'Instruction du Roi", both studied with Pignatelli for a period of several years and then returned to France to introduce the new ideas under the patronage of the French Court.

It is a little difficult to determine whether the Spanish School, which also developed during the sixteenth century, is to be considered an outgrowth of the Neapolitan School or whether it was an independent parallel development. Certainly the Spanish School borrowed heavily from and was much influenced by the Moors. It was, of course, with Spanish riders and Spanish horses that Imperial Austria started its "Spanish Riding School" which has carried on to this very day.

What was this new type of riding and schooling which gained such rapid ac-

ceptance? First of all it was a method based on complete subjugation of the horse. Training was often carried on not by one person alone, but by a riding master with one, two, or even more assistants. All of these assistants carried

whips or rods. And from the short length of time that a whip was reported as last- ing it is evident that they were not merely pointed at the horse in the manner that present-day horsemen use a whip in longeing a horse. In "Bridleways Through History" Lady Apsley points out that in many pictures of the period "pages of the stable" are shown carrying whole armfuls of these whips or switches, and that these switches were used, not only as an instrument of correction, but also by the rider to signal

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CLASSIFIEDS

All requests for insertions should be sent to the advertising office, Boyce Va. Minimum charge per insertion: \$3.00; 20c per word up to 35 words; 15c all additional words. Add \$1.00 if name is withheld and answers are to be cleared through The Chronicle. No classifieds accepted after Wednesday week preceding publication.

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U.S.A. EQUESTRIAN TEAM NEWS

The "Grand Prix de Dressage", a classical and artistic event of the Olympic Games, will be held in the Olympic Stadium at Stockholm, Sweden, starting at 9:00 A. M. on each of the several days, June 15th and 16th, 1956.

Both ladies and gentlemen are eligible to compete for the gold medal in this event which is limited to three entries from each nation taking part in the Equestrian Games.

Due to a ruling by the F. E. I., which requires that all contestants must be 18 years of age, our United States Team will lose one possible entry who, in June, will be two months under age.

Other candidates, amateurs of U. S. Citizenship, who consider themselves qualified and who wish to be considered for the Olympic Dressage Team, are invited to submit requests for consideration, on or before February 1, 1956, direct to General Guy V. Henry, 6613 Kennedy Drive, Chevy Chase 15, Maryland.

General Henry, who is Chairman of the U. S. Olympic Equestrian Committee, emphasizes that in addition to the essential qualifications of the riders, horses presented must be superior animals with straight gaits, able to perform creditably, two track movements, the passage, the piaffe, and the change of lead at every four, three, two, and one strides.

Additional information on conditions may be obtained from the U. S. Equestrian Team, Inc., Warrenton, Virginia.

Masters of Equitation

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the desired movement to the horse. This, of course, is as we see the whip used by the riders of the circus trained horses of the present day. A great deal of work was done with pillars, that is the horse was fastened to a single pillar and worked in a circle around it, or for certain movements it was fastened between double pillars, the method still used by Spanish Riding School of Vienna at the present time.

Curb bits were used exclusively and of a most elaborate design. The riders of that day quite evidently believed that there is a mechanical key to every horse's mouth for they had an infinite variety of designs which are pictured and described in great detail in all of the books of the period. One writer was so radical as to suggest a simplification of designs which would reduce the number of bits commonly used to fifteen. But all of these bits without exception had one characteristic in common — that they had very long cheeks and were very severe by any modern standard. And the effect is clearly seen in the pictures illustrating what was then considered proper carriage and proper action, for in our eyes their horses were very much overcollected. Again and again we see horses pictured with their heads as much as thirty degrees behind the vertical and often apparently behind the bit. With the advent of school riding spurs were becoming less violent than the fifteen inch shanked monstrosities that had been worn by earlier generations of horsemen, but to our way of thinking

they were still very severe. Perhaps it is an unfair inference, but one cannot but wonder whether the horsemen of this period were not afraid of their horses. Certainly they used every possible method of restraint, and extended gaits or even a free relaxed walk on a loose rein had no place in their schooling.

But, while we may find much in the early school riding which we would not wish to follow today, we must not lose sight of the fact that it represented a great step forward from anything which had preceded it, that it did produce results, and that it was the foundation for the more modern school riding, particularly as developed in France, which in turn has become the advanced dressage riding of today. Among the results which it produced in the hands of the more skilled masters was the capriole or "goat's leap" which, whatever its usefulness may be, is no mean feat of horsemanship, by whatever method it is accomplished. And in all respects the horses trained by these early masters of the Neapolitan School were perhaps the first to be so completely under control as to be the creatures of the rider's will.

Although the Neapolitan School profoundly influenced all riding, particularly in Western Europe, during the succeeding four centuries, its ascendancy was relatively short-lived. Many reasons have been advanced for its decline, among them the emigration of many of the more expert Italian riding masters to other countries and the disastrous results of the frequent wars between the many little principalities into which Italy was then divided. Pluvinel, with perhaps a certain amount of national bias, contributes the suggestion that the Italians were not temperamentally suited to deal with the more difficult horses, although he does admit the outstanding

skill of certain of the Italian masters under whom he studied for a total of six years. Each of these suggestions doubtless is entitled to some weight, but I should like to suggest a somewhat different explanation. School Riding and its Airs as practiced by the classical schools had relatively little utilitarian value. It is a very specialized sport or game developed partly for the gratification of the participant but very largely for its spectator appeal. The French court and later the Imperial Court in Vienna provided a much grander stage for such a sport than was available in the small Italian principalities, and as a result the center of interest shifts from the Neapolitan to the French School to which we will next turn our attention. And if this explanation is valid, it again suggests that the type of riding in any country and at any period accurately reflects the interests, the aspirations, indeed the civilization of the people of that particular country at that period.

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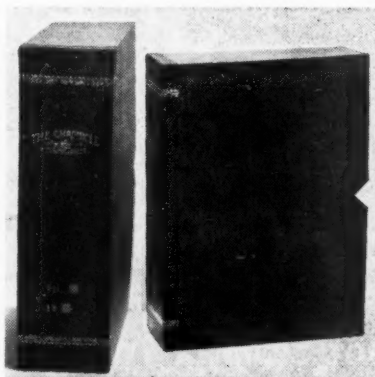
track is Leang near Trondheim in the northern part of the country. There are generally 7 races each race day of which at least two are over hurdles. Each season also has several big steeplechase races.

One of the best horses in Norway since the war has been Mahrhu, by *Mahmoud —Meadow Rhu, by Phalaris. Another good sire for Norwegian breeding is Molly's Choice by Fair Trial—Slap and Tickle, by Greek Bachelor. Molly's Choice is, by the way, a full brother to *Mafosta who has run so well in California.

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America's Newest Horse Game

A. W. Eslinger

There's baseball, football, basketball—sports that bring out the best athletic skill in the participants and thrill the spectators—but for the lovers of horses there has been only one ball sport—polo. It is a game centuries old but still only played by a small percentage, those mostly persons of means, with widely scattered teams. Now a new version is spreading like a forest fire, palmetto polo. Small and large clubs have teams, rodeo and horse shows include a game on their programs, before ever increasing sport fans, bringing with it not only the skill of the rider but the ability and superb performance of the animal.

Though originating in a small club in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, the brain child of one of its members, it is the State of Texas with its long limbed cowboys and the cowpony upon which their living depends which has taken the game to its heart, organizing the state into districts, each district with eight or more teams, and now playing weekly toward a state championship. Each district has a man on the West Texas Rules committee who proposes and passes on new

rules and revisions as the need arises and refers them to the Florida club for adoption. Quoting Faust Collier, a Hereford player from an article by Joe Heflin Smith in the Texas Cattleman "I believe that Palmetto Polo sharpens a horse for cutting, dogging, or roping. It develops quick starting, stopping and split sec-

ond timing." The West Texas Live Stock Weekly in an article on the sport had this to say "Any old pony with an even disposition, agility, and a good rein can be used successfully in palmetto polo. A top palmetto polo pony is as likely to be a little cold-blooded, shaggy-legged animal as one bred in the purple." Quoting again from the Texas Cattleman, "Palmetto Polo provides more fun and excitement than anything we have tried. We love to feel the surge of speed as a good horse digs in and starts for that ball; we love to feel him work and become smart as he catches on to the game".

Now what kind of a game is this new sport? Can I, an average rider with my average pleasure horse play it? Indeed you can. Though men like it and are forming all men teams, I have known several women who were very good players. There is an all girls team in Illinois which has played several exhibition games while a woman's rodeo club in Del Rio, Texas and a riding group of women in Redondo Beach, California



(Fla. State Bureau Photos)

Smyrna player waiting to intercept the ball hit by Texas into that dangerous goal zone. Referee watching from position near goal.



The beginning of a game between the Smyrna Beach Saddle Club and the Dickens County Sheriff's Posse of Spur, Tex., played during their March annual Cow Pony Frolics at New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Picture shows lined field with ball in center and players in position.



Texas Center attempting to gain control of the ball across the front of his opponent's horse and send it over the line to his fifteen-yard teammate. Team substitutions may be seen waiting in the background.

are interested and planning to start teams.

Palmetto Polo is played with five men on each team on the field at a time, but may have any number of substitutes during the four fifteen minute chukkers. The field is 80 yards by 40 yards, divided into five zones, with a center zone of 20 yards, and two zones on either side of 15 yards each. The end zone has a break of twenty feet in the center of the back line thru which the ball must pass to make a goal. A player from each team occupies a zone and can play the ball only within the boundary of his respective zone line. There is a penalty if a horse crosses the line or a rider reaches over to secure the ball.

Play starts from center zone at the referee's whistle with the "charge". If the ball is hit through the goal from

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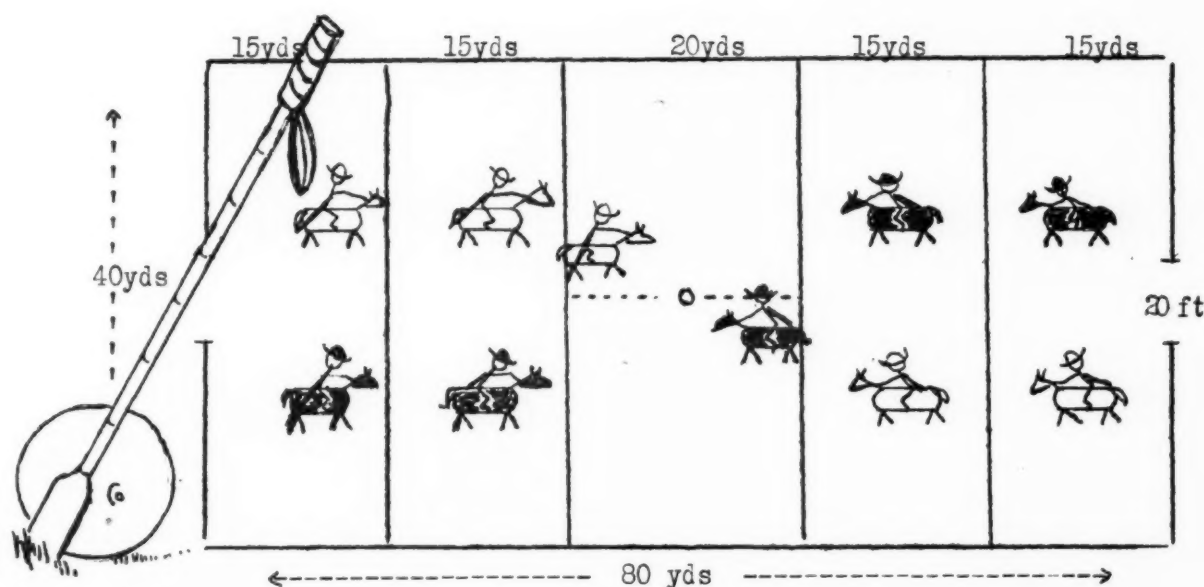


Diagram of field and position of players at start of game.

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the center zone without interference the team scores three points; from the fifteen yard zone, two, and from the goal zone one. A free shot, the result of an opponent foul which scores from any zone, counts but one point.

This game is lively, packed with action and not too dangerous, since there are but two players in a section. Of course, the object of the game is to pass the ball from zone to zone toward your opponents goal, to score and to prevent your opponents from scoring.

The original palmetto stalk, that was used as a mallet and from which the game derived its name, has given away to a cane with a heavy rubber head. This mallet may be homemade to measurements given in the copyrighted rule book or, with a more professional look, secured from several firms who are making up the referee's basket, goal markers, and mallets, and are selling the rule book and the inflated heavy twelve inch rubber ball.

Only one horse can be used by a rider during a game. Equipment is inexpensive. Any reasonably smooth field or spot of ground with an area of the required space needs only to be marked by lime or shavings to make a suitable playing field.

Whether you are young or old, fat or thin, a good or poor rider, you can still play and though it will not change your age, nor perhaps your weight, it will certainly improve your riding. Once again in the words of a Texas player, "There may be a better game for the average horseman, but we've never found it."

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Equine Longevity

One of the most quoted historic examples of equine longevity is that of 'Old Billy'. His portrait was painted by W. Bradley, Manchester, and engraved by T. Sutherland. Under the engraving is printed:

This picture exhibiting the portrait of 'Old Billy', is presented to the public on account of his extraordinary age. Mr. Henry Harrison of Manchester, whose portrait is also intro-

duced, has nearly attained the age of 76. He has known the said horse 59 years and upwards, having assisted in training the horse for plough, which time he supposes he might be 2-years old. Old Billy is now at a farm at Lachford, Near Warrington, and belongs to the proprietors of Mersey and Irwell Navigation Co., in whose service he was employed as a gin horse until 1819. His eyes and teeth are very good, though the latter indicate extreme old age.

At the time 'Old Billy's' picture was painted he was 62 or 63. Ultimately the old horse's head was presented to the Manchester Natural History Society.

In 1934 there died at Catawissa, Pa., U. S. A. a 53 year-old horse 'Clover', which was claimed to be the oldest horse in the world. He was exhibited in New York the previous year and his skull and skeleton were later sent to the American Museum of Natural History, New York.

A coacher named 'Jolly', owned by the famous Master of Hounds, Sir Bellingham Graham, was 62 when he died at Norton Conyers, near Ripon.

In February 1942 a Shetland pony bred by the late Mrs. Punshon at Ingleby, near Northallerton, died aged 42. She was regularly driven as one of a team of four, on the highway and never had a shoe on her feet. — J. F.-B.



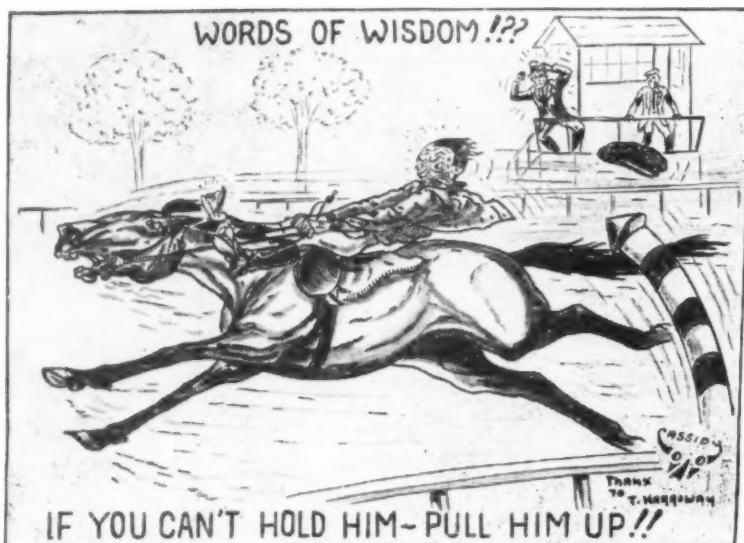
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similar situation occurred at this year's Aintree Grand National in England when Pat Taaffe rode Quare Times to victory while "Toss" was third on Carey's Cottage of which his father is trainer.

Mr. T. J. Taaffe, who is one of Ireland's leading trainers, is chairman of the Sth. Co. Dublin Harriers Hunt Club. He is a power of strength to the hunt and frequently soothes ruffled feathers when farmers in the hunt area may be irritated by the damage done to their fences and property during the hunting season.

He spent his early youth in Sydney, Australia.

ALLEGED POISONING OF RACE HORSES

Sir Winston Churchill's stud manager, Major Arnold E. C. Foster, gave evidence at the Old Bailey, London in the trial in which Leslie White, 63 year old horse dealer, of Gardners Hill Rd., Boundstone, Farnham, Surrey, England, has pleaded not guilty, to using two forged permits to obtain strychnine and not guilty of killing two stallions destined for Argentina, when on board ship on the high seas.

The defendant was charged with seven different counts. They were:—

1. On February 3rd, 1949, with intent to defraud uttered a forged document, a permit issued by the Surrey Agricultural Committee, for the purpose of securing strychnine, knowing it to be forged.

2. In August, 1949, a similar offence.

3. On October 29th, 1949, on the high seas unlawfully and maliciously killed a stallion, Cairo Third.

4. On December 20th, 1949, with intent to defraud, caused a cheque for £9,652.10s.0d. (29,000 dollars) to be delivered to himself by false pretences.

5. On May 3rd, 1954, with intent to defraud, fraudulently caused the Eagle Star Insurance Co. to execute a policy of insurance in respect of a stallion, Pas de Calais, by false pretences.

6. On May 18th, 1954, on the high seas unlawfully and maliciously killed the stallion, Pas de Calais, and

7. On January 3rd, 1955, with intent to defraud, attempted to obtain £11,512.4s.11d. (35,000 dollars) from the

Engle Star Insurance Co. by false pretences.

According to the prosecution, White bought Cairo Third for £500 (1,500 dollars) insured him for £9,000 (27,000 dollars) and gave it strychnine on the way to Sth. America.

He admitted to have bought Pas de Calais for £650 (1,950 dollars in 1954) and insured it for over £11,000 (33,000 dollars). He is alleged to have given it strychnine on the way to Sth. America. His claim for this insurance was disputed.

Sir Winston Churchill's stud manager, Major Foster, who is an adviser on bloodstock and a veterinary surgeon to the Epsom Grandstand Association and was responsible for the horses running in the Derby and Oaks, said that he did not know of cases where horses had been purchased in Britain for small prices and sold to South America for large amounts.

The defending counsel, Mr. Whittingstall, said that a horse, Prince Christian, was bought last December for 300 gns. (1,500 dollars) by a London Bloodstock Agency, and sold to a purchaser in the Argentine for £11,250 (34,000 dollars). It appears, he continued, that Argentine buyers buy big in some cases; Major Foster replied, Yes, because they have been denied new stallion blood for so long, they would tend to make prices larger.

It was stated that White collected insurance of £9,750 (28,000 dollars) for the horse Cairo Third, when it died in 1949, but when he lodged a claim of £11,750 (34,000 dollars) after the death of Pas de Calais the insurance company refused to pay.

Pas de Calais was thrown overboard in his horse box, but the bo'sum kept the head collar and head rope. When these were examined at the Police laboratory, a 1/25 of a grain of strychnine was found on the head rope.

The horse Cairo Third was led aboard at London on October 18th. White boarded the ship at Dover. On the second day out, White told the bo'sum that he would give the horse a tonic. He is alleged to have mixed grey powder with the horse's food. As a result the horse became irritable and on the fourth day out bit one of the attendants. On October 29th witness said that he saw White hold a bucket up to the horse, then take it to the side of the ship and drop it overboard.

The bo'sum tasted the grey powder in the feed trough and it was so bitter that he had to spit it out. Shortly afterwards the horse died.

When White was arrested, in August, there was a bottle of Strychnine chloride in his study, containing one-third of an oz. and some strychnine in solution. When questioned, he said he could not remember when he got them or for what purpose.

When White entered the witness box, at the Old Bailey, London on December 14th, he said that he was living at his home in Surrey, in 1949, the place was infested by moles, and he received a permit to buy a quarter of an ounce of strychnine to destroy them. He found that this was insufficient, and he altered the permit so that it read one and a quarter ounces.

The tin containing this strychnine, he said, was knocked over by accident, and he was granted a permit to purchase another quarter of an ounce, and he altered this permit to read three and a quarter ounces.

The jury disagreed, after 3¼ hours
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about the time Correlation was finding his blind alley.

He moved right through and won by a length going away.

The owner of the winner collected \$15,500.

Star of Ross is by Arctic Star, from Roisin, by Rosewell. He earned \$8,700 last year with no wins, 3 seconds and 6 thirds.

R. Trejos was aboard for the Gabriel.

Santa Anita offered two more stakes on Saturday, January 7. **Johnnie Mike** took the six-furlong **Los Feliz** to keep his escutcheon unbesmirched, and **Bobby Brocato** won the **San Pasqual** (1 1/4 miles) to make his consecutive-win streak three. Both were favorites.

The Los Feliz Stakes is for three-year-old colts and geldings and the winner was one of the geldings.

Johnnie Mike, a Washington-bred son of Rover—Nogada, by Don Mike, did not open his racing career until last November 23, when he galloped off with the prize in a maiden-claiming race and paid nearly 15 to 1. Two weeks later, he won a \$7,000 optional claimer, without much effort. Those two were at Tanforan. At Santa Anita, on the day after Christmas, he galloped again to take an allowance race.

The Los Feliz, for non-winners of a sweepstakes, was Johnnie Mike's meat and he took his fourth straight, breathing easily. Lucky G. L. and More Glory followed him home.

Mr. Herb Armstrong, part-owner and breeder, collected \$11,350. Mrs. Armstrong owns half of Johnnie Mike. The gelding's 1955 wins brought in \$5,525.

C. Jolly trains for the Armstrongs.

Eddie Arcaro had the ride in the Los Feliz, and this is the third year in a row he has been up on the winner of the race.

Bobby Brocato picked up at Santa Anita where he left off at Tanforan when he took the **San Pasqual**, worth \$16,250. The five-year-old son of Natchez—Dorothy Brown, by Brown King, was second high-weight in the field with 123. Alidon was his stablemate and the entry was favored at 1.45 to 1.

Nagpuni finished second, Prince Hill, third.

At Tanforan, Bobby Brocato took the San Francisco and Tanforan Handicaps. In '55, he earned \$153,775. He won 6 races, was second in 9 and third in 2, in 24 starts.

The horse is the property of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Kerr, who bought him last season from Joe W. Brown. Mrs. Joe Brown bred Bobby Brocato.

Willie Motter trains for the Kerrs. George Taniguchi had the mount on Bobby Brocato in the San Pasqual.

Tropical Park

The longshot **Giant Cracker** beat out Switch On, the most-bet-on horse in the race, to take the **New Year's Handicap** on January 2.

Ridden by Ken Church, the Cain Hoy Stable representative paid off at the rate of \$41.80 for \$2.

He beat Switch On by two lengths. Hilarious was another half length back and held third place by the same margin over Blessbull.

The time for the six furlongs was 1:09 3/4, just two-fifths slower than the track mark.

After overhauling Koko Dozo in three furlongs, Giant Cracker led for the rest of the race.

The five-year-old horse is by Cosmic Bomb, out of Pamela C., by Stimulus.

He earned \$8,025 in winning the New Year's Day.

Last season he raced 4 times and was second twice, collecting \$1,700.

The Estate of William Helis bred him. Lloyd Gentry trains the Cain Hoy horses.

On October 22, at Garden State Park, Mr. L. Santore claimed **Helfast** for \$10,000. The horse won the race from which he was claimed, and had taken two for his new owner up to January 7. If Mr. Santore had any doubts as to the judgment he and his trainer, E. B. Stewart, employed in grabbing Helfast they were dispelled with the running of the **Robert E. Lee Handicap** at Tropical on the first Saturday in the first month of 1956.

Helfast was fast as—well, fast enough. He won by four lengths and paid an even \$50 on \$2 certificates.

Ifabody, Shimke and Illusionist scrambled for the lesser slices of the money and collected in the order listed.

The winner's share of the money from the 1 1/4-mile event was \$12,600, which is almost as much as he won last season, when he was four years old.

The horse is by *Heliopolis, from Color Fast, by Beau Pere. He was bred by Jaclyn Stable.

Joe Culmone was in the saddle for the Lee Handicap.

Fair Grounds

The morning workouts were just about over when the first race was sent off at Fair Grounds on January 2, By 1:54 p.m. (C. S. T.) ten races had been run and the crowd was turned loose to fraternize with the hoard that was headed for the Sugar Bowl game.

The feature race, the **New Year's Handicap** was taken by Reverie Knoll Farm's **Leather Kid**, and the stable collected \$1,950, which is hardly worth a chapter in this historic scroll. So let's not give it one.

It is interesting to note, however, that on the same program, the Panthers Purse was worth \$1,625, while the Yellow Jackets Purse brought the winner only \$1,300. The Panthers (that's Pittsburgh) could be considered representatives of the North, while the Yellow Jackets (the technical school in Jawgia, suh) are definitely Southerners.

Someone had better watch his values.

H. G. Bockman's **Happy Go Lucky** was

home first in the **Old Hickory Handicap**, January 7. The son of Haltal—Tetravalent, by Gino, defeated By Far by 1 1/2 lengths. Lebanon Lad was third.

The gross value of the race was \$5,000. Mr. Bockman trains Happy Go Lucky. L. C. Cook rode.

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absence, and the Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, ordered a new trial. It will take place early in the New Year.

STEEPLECHASERS TRAINING AT NEWMARKET

Newmarket, which is the headquarters of flat racing in Great Britain, is rapidly becoming a noteworthy center for the training of Steeplechasers.

The Jockey Club, have built a new training ground on the Links. The schooling course is two miles in length, and many Newmarket trainers, are showing a keen interest, in the sport of National Hunt Steeplechasers. In the last century, several steeplechase meetings were held at this venue. The fences include, hurdles and bush-fences, which provide training facilities, for experienced horses as well as for novice jumpers. Although the new course is a vast improvement on the existing facilities, Newmarket has had a worthy record in the history of National Hunt racing. No fewer than six Grand National winners, were trained there, in the eleven years from 1923 to 1934. They were:— The great Golden Miller (1934), Gregalach (1929), Sprig (1927), Jack Horner (1926), Double Chance (1925) and the great old Sergeant Murphy (1923).

Among the many famous trainers, who are making use of the newly laid out course are, Marcus Marsh, Harvey Leader, Percy Allden, R. Perryman, H. Thompson-Jones, T. Hunter, R. Oates, M. Pringle, and A. Goodwill.

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CAMDEN HUNTER TRIALS

In spite of the fact that the new year had been royally ushered in by many the night before, a surprisingly good crowd gathered on "Hunter Trial Hill" at 2:00 on New Years Day for the twentieth annual Camden Hunt Hunter Trials. It was decided to hold the Trials during the holidays, rather than the customary February date, for the benefit of all the Camden junior riders who were home vacationing from school. We were very glad to see the John Donalds and the Arthur Reynolds family who brought five horses down from Tryon, N. C. for the event. Arthur's good horse Itch won the lightweight hunter class against some formidable competition, and later teamed up with that well known Michigan rider, Carol Curry on Bete Noir, and Camden's Red DuBose on Farmers Joy to win the Hunt Team Class with a faultless round and showing perfect form as they jumped the last Aiken three abreast.

— Palmetto

CAMDEN JR. HORSE SHOW

The annual Camden Christmas Junior Horse Show was held Wednesday, December 28 at the junior show ring adjoining Cool Spring Plantation. Classes were exceptionally well filled by local entries as well as many from out of town. The unusually good quality of riders led to a good many fine performances both in the ring and over the outside course. The coveted Samuel Russell Memorial Championship Trophy, which is competed for at the Christmas Show and the Spring Junior Show, was this time won by Betty Reynolds from Tryon, N. C., with the reserve championship going to Louise Coker of Hartsville, S. C. The fine sportsmanship shown by all the children always makes this show a real pleasure to watch. — Palmetto

"THE PINK UN"

Miss Davis Hively of Cincinnati recently purchased the good working hunter, Pink Mink, from Mrs. Grover Stephens of Warrenton, Va. Mrs. Stephens showed Pink Mink to five championships and six reserves last summer in Maryland and Virginia. Affectionately known in the show ring as "The Pink Un", he wound up his season with the green working hunter championship of Virginia. Miss Hively intends to show her new horse in junior classes next year. It looks as if she will do well as she has won one championship with him already.

NAMING YEARLINGS

Mr. A. L. Hawkins, the successful Irish owner, whose Bedtime is expected to figure prominently in next year's Eire classics, has named six of his yearlings—Don't Know, Can't Say, Nothing, I Forget, Hardly, and No Marks. This recalls the time when Lord Glasgow had a big string of horses at Middleham. Many of them being by the same sire, and all of them being unnamed, there was endless confusion. He was urged to give titles to some of them, and amongst the first names he selected were: He-hasn't-got-a-name, He-isn't-worth-a-name, and Give-him-a-name. — J. F. B.

CORRECTION

In our December 23 issue we carried under the heading "USET Challenge Trophies" the following paragraph: "At the four shows in the Mid-west, the winners of the Sweatt Trophy were Charles Dennehy, Jr.'s Black Watch at Detroit, William Kuhn's Scaramouche at Milwaukee, Mrs. H. Thomas' Velvet Lassie at the Ohio Fair and Charles Zimmerman's Brown Wood at the American Royal in Kansas City."

This should read, "At the four shows in the Mid-west the winners of the Sweatt Trophy were Charles Dennehy, Jr.'s Black Watch at Detroit, George W. Jayne's The Possum at Milwaukee, Mrs. H. Thomas' Velvet Lassie at the Ohio Fair and George W. Jayne's Speculation at the American Royal in Kansas City." Our original information came from an official report and we regret the error.

FROM HACK TO HURDLER

Most of the stories of horses having been bought from the plough, from mill carts, and cabs to win the Grand National, are either untrue, or only half-truths. It is a fact, however, that Miles Standish, which beat fifteen hurdlers the other day at Doncaster, was destined for a hack and show horse for Ann, daughter of W. H. Carr (the Queen's jockey). Harry told me some time ago he had bought Miles Standish for Ann, and that she had ridden him. However, he proved a bit too much of a handful for a little girl, so Pringle, the Newmarket trainer, took him back and decided to win a few hurdle races with him.

Arthur Freeman had the mount on Miles when he won at Doncaster, and said he never had an easier ride. Arthur is the son of Will Freeman, who was Zetland huntsman 1909-1921. — J. F. B.

HOLIDAY HUNTING

Despite the unfavorable hunting conditions within the Orange County boundaries there was much gaiety in the fields during the holidays. The followers consisted of a handful of Young Entry, not so Young Entry and not Young Entry at all. Pleased as punch were Phyllis Mills and Jacqueline Mars when, each was blooded and awarded with the brush, and Mrs. William Crane from Gates Mills, Ohio was delighted to be presented with the mask. The well-known steeplechase rider "Laddie" Murray was out with the Cyrus Manierre's. Other guests swelling the ranks were Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Sears, Jr., Mrs. Dan Cox and her daughter Betsy, Mrs. William Worrell, Mrs. Robinson McIlvaine, Ricard Ohrstrom, and Joan Woolman. — M. T.

\$69.10 FOR \$2

Lily O'Malley, 3-year-old daughter of Amphitheatre—War Risk, by Stimulus, in her first outing broke her maiden in a six furlongs event at Tropical Park. The winner was bred by Thomas A. Rankin, the well-known steeplechase rider of the Mid-west hunt meeting circuit. Mr. Rankin sold the filly as a yearling in the 1954 Keeneland Summer Sales for \$4200 to Col. H. B. Markus' Glade Valley Farm, in whose colors she won, paying \$69.10 for \$2.00. — M. T.

MICHIGANITES AT CAMDEN

In Camden for the month of December was the Ray Firestone family with seven hunters, two of them being the recently purchased Panic and Gynoki, well known in the Michigan Show Circuit and formerly owned by Mrs. Gerald Helder. Panic was hunted regularly by Mr. Firestone, and, had a cameraman been present at a certain Aiken, he would have caught a wonderful shot of Ray taking a "deep seat and a long hold" in the best English tradition, as the mare put in an extra big one! Earlier in December with the Firestone's were Nancy and Max Bonham who enjoyed several good runs with the Camden Hunt before heading back up to Michigan for Christmas.

— Palmetto

STABLE FIRE

An estimated \$55,000 in damages was the aftermath of fire at the Oak Ridge Stable in Rochester, New York. The fire, believed to have been started by a short circuit, on the second floor, swept rapidly throughout the stable which was completely destroyed. Eight horses perished in the blaze, among whom were Little Irish owned by Toddy Messler. This pair had great success in the show ring for the past few years. The six-year-old bay stallion "New Deal by Straight Deal" was also lost. Through the efforts and courage of Jack Frohm, horseman at the Oak Ridge Farm, and several neighbors, about a dozen other horses were saved. Lack of water hampered the efforts of the firemen, but they did manage to save an adjoining one-story building. Mrs. Jane Messler is the owner of the stable. — M. K.

FLOWER FUND

Donation of approximately \$5,000 to the new Fauquier Hospital in Warrenton, Virginia was contributed through the flower fund in memory of the late George L. Ohrstrom. — M. T.

ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Strong McIntosh of Waverly Farm, Warrenton, Va. and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. have announced the engagement of their daughter Joan to Dr. Andrew G. Jessiman formerly of Great Durnford, Salisbury, England and now of Brookline, Mass. The wedding will take place in the early spring.

— M. T.

GONE FISHING

Mr. and Mrs. James P. McCormick of Middleburg, Virginia are presently enjoying the sun's rays at Hobe Sound, Florida as guests of Hobe Sound's Mayor Charles Ware and Mrs. Ware. Mrs. Ware (formerly Dorothy Preston) is well known in hunting circles and a regular with the Myopia Hunt. From Florida Jamie and Peggy will jaunt over to Nassau as the Guy de la Fregonniere's guests. Mr. and Mrs. de la Fregonniere lived at Huntlands, and operated the 413 acre breeding farm there for a number of years. — M. T.

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FARAWAY FARM FIRST

Walter M. Jeffords' Faraway Farm near Lexington, Kentucky, came in ahead by reporting the first foal of 1956 in that vicinity. This newcomer on the Blue Grass scene is a nice little filly by Count Fleet out of the superior racemare Adile in *Mahmoud. — M. T.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

Wilson Meyer, prominent San Francisco business and civic leader, was recently named president of the 1-A District Agricultural Association, which operates the Coy Palace and sponsors the annual Grand National Livestock Exposition, Horse Show and Rodeo and the Grand National Junior Livestock Exposition and Arena Show. Meyer, a native San Franciscan, has been a Cow Palace director since 1949. An infantry captain in World War I, he is a director of the

Starr of Peapack, N. J. The Hounds are the property of the Country and are maintained by subscription.

HI-TEST

When Say Yes, a horse owned by the University of California stables at Davis, got out of hand, he was sent to Larry Trimble, noted animal trainer who trained Strongheart, the great German Shepherd film favorite. Under Mr. Trimble's guidance, Say Yes grew from an outlaw into a well-mannered, gentle — and even house-broken horse! Schooled in high school movements, he finally passed the C. D. X. Test for dogs, substituting a "long stand" for the "long sit" usually required. — E. A. A.

CAME A CROPPER

Dr. Urton Munn, Honorary Whipper-in of the Shakerag Hounds, had a bad fall when his horse stumbled and rolled over him at a meet in December of the Shakerag Hounds. When Dr. Munn unravelled

Stanley Barker And The Pytchley Hounds Painted By Sir Alfred Munnings

Sir Alfred Munnings wrote in his autobiography, Volume III, pp 36-39:—

Today my first day with Barker on the horse. Had two sittings in London. Captain MacDonald sent him up, and he sat there on the wooden horse so that I could make his portrait. A very good varminty horse so that I could make his portrait. A proper fellow, about thirty-six. Looked well in the crimson Pytchley coat, etc. Today we had a nice chestnut horse clipped out, and his color was excellent — just the same as in winter. Looked first-rate, and put me right in the mind to do it directly I saw him like that. Got out my things, put the canvas up near Barker's house. Horse brought along. Up gets Barker. Up went the horse's back. The lad held on to him, Barker sat tight; the horse whisked his tail and got too near a tight wire linen-line. However, he quietened down and the sitting went on, and I fitted the huntsman to his horse as a man fits a pair of boots on one's feet! He got off at 11:30, and I went on with the horse. Back to lunch at one, off again at three. Horse out. Sun out. As the sun lowered, the lighting was the same as in winter, and the horse looked just right, the long light hitting his quarters and throwing its shadow out in length along the ground, just as I wanted it. Then at five o'clock Barker put on boots, breeches and coat again, and I finished him off. Got his seat and got his coat against the sky. I pulled it through well, I think. Then two cups of tea out of his house and continued on the horse, using a very little copal varnish, so that the paint began to set. Am quite pleased so far. Can give it a dose later, when I have had a day or two with the hounds. Barker a good, keen-looking bloke — just the right sort. Said the horse was a funny old sort to ride at times. "When you show him a fence, he gives a fly leap and goes at it and over it. No stopping him." A very good horse to look at: great front — rather a dropped back — slightly back at knee if anything.

Today started grey and cloudy, and I got the picture, thirty-six by thirty-one, out of Barker's house and hung it up in one of the whitewashed yards in the kennels. A good, high key to paint against, and I took out my studies of hounds, and then composed the picture and placed them. Like a game of chess, one could go on making twenty different arrangements with hounds. The sun came out, but I was in cool shadow, and went on until one o'clock. After 3:30 this afternoon had the horse out again and finished head, reins, etc. A standing martingale on him. A very nice horse. And now the picture is as far as I shall get it here. What a blessing! Forget it, and then a day on it with a fresh eye, and nearly done. I must try more space round a night figure.



Leading jockey, trainer and owners of 1955—These national leaders were awarded trophies at Tropical Park by Saul Silberman, president of Tropical. (L. to r.): Jockey Willie Hartack, leading rider for the year with 417 winners; Frank H. Merrill, Jr., leading trainer, having saddled 154 winners, and Saul Silberman; Mrs. and Mr. Allie Reuben, owners of Hasty House Farms, leading money winning stable, with a total of \$832,879 and Harry Trotsek, Hasty House's trainer.

Wells-Fargo Bank, Emporium - Capwell Company, Redwood Empire Association and American Horse Shows Association. At the Cow Palace he has been chairman of the horse show and special events committees.

KEENELAND

Some Virginians on hand to see Nashua's dam Segula, by Johnstown—*Sekhmet, by Sardanapale bring \$126,000 in Miss Mildred Woolwine's dispersal of the Belair yearlings and broodmares at the Keeneland Sales Pavilion were Dr. Frank O'Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. George Offutt, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Church II, Mrs. George P. Greenhalgh, James L. Wiley and Dr. Rufus Humphrey.

BEAGLE ROSTER CORRECTION

J. S. Jones, Joint Master of the Tewkesbury Foot Bassets, has called to our attention certain corrections which should be made in the data listed in the Beagle Roster which appeared in our issue of December 16. The Honorary Secretaries are Mrs. James Casey and Mrs. Louis

himself he was suffering from shock but was more bruised than broken. His horse carried on and finally wound up at John Taylor's barn, with his saddle covered with mud and the top of the Martingale looking as though it had been sandpapered.

TOUR OF INSPECTION

Burt Salmon, son of Mrs. Walter J. Salmon of Mereworth Farm, Lexington, Kentucky arrived from his home in Oklahoma for his first visit to Tropical Park. Young Salmon's great attraction was Nashua, the reason no doubt being that Mereworth Farm owns an interest in the brilliant son of *Nasrullah—Segula by Johnstown.

HAZELMERE LOSES JOINT-MASTER

Oliver Durant II has resigned as Joint-Master of the Hazelmere Hounds, Boston, Va., his resignation taking effect as of December 20, 1955. Mr. Durant had served in this capacity since 1952.

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